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Lawson may face censure motion over briefing

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson may have to defend himself in a special Commons debate next Monday over reports, fiercely disputed throughout the week by the Treasury, that he plans to extend means-testing of pensioners' benefits.

With the Government's embarrassment over the affair deepening, the Cabinet will decide this morning whether to agree to Labour's demand for a change of business on the penultimate day of the present Parliament in order for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to face an effective censure motion over his conduct.

The Labour Party decided yesterday to exploit Mr Lawson's difficulties following a briefing he gave to Lobby correspondents last Friday which resulted in reports in the Sunday papers that he wanted to cut benefits, except to the poorest.

In a highly unusual move Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, tabled a Commons motion to appear on the order paper this morning, which amounts to a motion of no confidence in Mr Lawson.

It is a formal motion calling for the Chancellor's salary to be cut by £1,000 because of the "complete inadequacy" of his explanation to the Commons on Monday of his meeting with the journalists, and because of concern which his statements aroused over the Government's future intentions on benefits.

Although symbolic it is the traditional way of censuring a minister.

Labour leaders last night pressed for a debate on Monday on the motion, but were reported to have been told that Mr David Waddington, the chief whip, and Mr John Wakeham, the Commons leader, would have to take the matter to the Cabinet.

Confusion over the affair grew yesterday as Mr Lawson replied to Mr Gordon Brown, shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, over a detailed series of specific questions based on the accounts of the Friday briefing given by journalists who were there, the first in the *The Times* by Mr Jack Warden of the *Sunday Post*, Dundee.

Mr Lawson said that an account given by Mr Warden yesterday was "broadly accurate" but added that nothing in it "remotely justifies either the scare stories published in the Sunday press, or the allegations you and your colleagues have seen fit to make on the basis of those stories". Mr Lawson repeated his statement to the Commons on Monday that what the Government had in mind was extra help to poorer pensioners over and above the state pension.

But he did not answer Mr Brown's specific questions. When this was pointed out to Treasury officials they said that Mr Lawson regarded all the accounts of the briefing given by journalists during the past few days as broadly accurate, although he strongly contested the interpretation given to them.

Mr Lawson's apparent acceptance of the accounts given by journalists puzzled Labour MPs because they included quotations attributed to Mr Lawson agreeing that backbenchers would have to be educated over targeting benefits, stating that there clearly was a case for restructuring child benefit, and that targeting "is the way we are likely to go".

Mr Lawson regretted in his letter that no transcript existed of Friday's briefing. Treasury officials said yesterday that when the official who had taped the meeting returned to his office last Friday he found there was nothing on the tape. The tape-recorder then returned to the Treasury's "pool" of tape-recorders.

Mr Brown wrote again to Mr Lawson last night repeating his questions and attacking the Chancellor for accusing him in his letter of "repeating what I know to be untrue".



Mr Nigel Lawson: Labour seeks an explanation of briefing

Some Conservative MPs believe the Government would be best advised to hold the debate on Monday to clear up the issue and end the Parliament on a winning note. They predict that Labour will have difficulty amassing all its troops on a day when most of them had not expected to attend. Mr Kinnock said last night: "We can only assume if they do not have a debate that there is something to hide or something they would prefer not to be brought out into the open."

At a meeting of Labour MPs yesterday which decided to table the no confidence motion, he spoke of the discrepancies between the Chancellor's explanation of the briefing and the journalists' version. Either the journalists were unfit to do their jobs or the Chancellor was unfit to remain in his job. He had to lift the "cloud of doubt and guilt".

As news of the Labour motion reached the Conservatives there were suggestions that Labour was not serious about wanting a debate, because it would have difficulty mustering its troops on Monday. Mr Frank Dobson, the shadow leader of the House, said it was "a lie" to suggest Labour was not serious about the matter. Labour would expect a full turnout of its MPs. "I would have thought Mr Lawson would have been pressing the Government's business managers to allow him to come to the House. He needs an opportunity to clear his name."

Victorious President-elect hopes for early summit with Gorbachov

Bush chooses Baker for key foreign post

● Fresh from his overwhelming electoral victory, a brisk Mr George Bush vowed to seek an early summit meeting with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

● He swiftly named Mr James Baker, his old friend and architect of his 40-state electoral victory, as his Secretary of State.

● Mr Michael Dukakis told a crowd of sorrowful supporters in Boston after news of his defeat to continue to fight for the principles of his campaign.

● Mrs Thatcher lost no time in congratulating Mr Bush on his achievement. In his message, Mr Gorbachov hoped for stronger bilateral ties.

From Michael Binyon, Washington

A decisive and business-like George Bush swiftly named Mr James Baker as his Secretary of State yesterday and said he will seek an early summit with President Gorbachov.

Before returning to a White House victory reception, proudly staged by President Reagan for his loyal lieutenant, Mr Bush announced the appointment of Mr Baker, his old friend and architect of his 40-state victory in the election.

He said that Mr Baker had set a "new standard of excellence" in his four years as White House Chief of Staff (from 1981 to 1985) and then as Treasury Secretary.

Mr Bush will meet two allied leaders next week, when Chancellor Kohl and Mrs Thatcher arrive here on separate farewell visits to President Reagan.

Speaking about his hopes for a summit — promptly echoed by officials in Moscow yesterday — Mr Bush noted that he already knew the Soviet leader, and added: "What I want to do is see progress." It did not have to be in the strategic arms talks in Geneva or in another particular category, but over a range of issues including arms control, human rights and regional conflicts.

"I would like to see my Secretary of State continue that which George Shultz has done." But he gave a warning that a Soviet failure to withdraw from Afghanistan by February 15 would "throw a complicating factor over the whole relationship".

The President-elect also announced yesterday that his transition team will be headed by Mr Robert Teeter, a political adviser, and Mr Craig Fuller, his chief of staff, who is widely expected to become White House Chief of Staff in January.

Mr Bush is expected to keep on several key Reagan Administration figures including Mr Nicholas Brady, a long-standing friend who is now Treasury Secretary. But he indicated that there would be a "major turnover" to reinvigorate the new administration.

The President-elect proudly noted that he had won some 54 per cent of the popular vote, which he regarded as a "big win".

The Democrats increased their majority in the Senate by at least two seats, and had a net gain of about six seats in the 435-member House of Representatives on top of their already substantial majority.

Mr Bush was quick to sound a conciliatory note on relations with Congress: "I will take what I think the prime issues of the campaign were, and work constructively with Congress to attain the will of the people."

The final results gave Mr Bush 402 votes in the Electoral College, compared to 136 for Mr Dukakis. He won 40 of the 50 states, with a clean sweep of the South, his base throughout the campaign, and virtually all the Rocky Mountain and western states, including the hotly disputed prize of California.

Governor Dukakis won only 10 states and the District of Columbia, the largely black Democrat bastion. He managed to hang on — with difficulty — to New York, and won narrow victories in Illinois and Michigan, industrial Midwest states where his exhaustive campaigning and final message putting him on the side of the working man paid off.

There were two narrow victories on the West Coast, where Mr Dukakis won Oregon and Washington state. He also won three liberal northern states — Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota that have a strong Democratic tradition — his home state of Massachusetts and neighbouring Rhode Island, the economically depressed state of West Virginia and Hawaii, which is also strongly Democratic.

There were close contests in Montana and South Dakota, and Mr Dukakis just failed to capture Pennsylvania, a large blue-collar eastern state where he had high hopes, and Maryland that had been leaning his way in almost all the polls.

Mr Dukakis telephoned Mr

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Looking ahead: President-elect Bush with Mr James Baker, the man he has named as his Secretary of State, leaving a church service in Houston yesterday before meeting the press.

Thatcher in night call to Texas

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Mrs Thatcher yesterday lost no time in telephoning President-elect George Bush with her congratulations.

After staying up until 5.15am watching the results of the American election and an hour's doze, she telephoned Mr Bush in Texas for a five-minute talk at 6.10am.

Mrs Thatcher is to fly to Washington on Tuesday to attend a farewell banquet for President Reagan, and she is scheduled to have breakfast talks with Mr Bush next Thursday. She will not, however, be the first foreign leader to meet him in his new role.

She has been pipped by Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany, who flies in to Washington on Saturday and will see Mr Bush on Tuesday.

Mrs Thatcher knows Mr Bush well. Downing Street said yesterday that she "always" breakfasts with him when in Washington for talks with Mr Reagan.

Among the subjects likely to be raised when they meet are the US trade deficit, the Middle East, trade protectionism, East-West relations, US forces in Europe and the future of the Strategic Defence Initiative, or "Star Wars".

Asked by *The Times* what advice she would have for Mr Bush, Mrs Thatcher said that the only "fundamental dif-

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Dollar hit heavily despite support

Stock markets gave a muted response to the Bush victory and the dollar was hit heavily despite intervention by the US Federal Reserve Board.

Although shares and the dollar rose in Tokyo, with the Nikkei Average up 200 points the Hong Kong market tailed off to end four points down.

The downbeat mood spilled over into London, where the Bush win had already been discounted, and the FT-SE 100-share index closed 14.9 down at 1,825.7.

The market had hoped for sharply higher levels in New York to give a boost while London was still open, but the Dow Jones average was soon eight points lower.

The dollar lost two cents on overnight London levels to close at $1.7900 to the pound.

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Rifkind hint

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, hinted at a weakening in his hostility to the £1.6 billion bid by Elders IXL for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries by espousing an "open door" policy towards investment in Scotland.....Page 25

Australia win

The touring Australian rugby union team cast aside their defeat against England on Saturday by beating Edinburgh, the Scotland district champions, 25-19 at Myreside yesterday.....Page 46

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A new era for the development of research into problems of hearts and lungs begins today as the Princess Royal opens the new building for the National Heart and Lung Institute

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Football identity cards by 1990

By Louise Taylor

Football supporters will be legally obliged to carry identity cards by 1990 if, as expected, the Government obtains Parliament's endorsement of a new national membership scheme.

Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the League's 92 grounds, which will have to be licensed under the plan announced by Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, yesterday.

Clubs failing to implement the scheme would lose their licence to admit paying customers.

Mr Moynihan, who chaired a working party commissioned by the Prime Minister following hooliganism during the European championship last summer, said: "It is a tough measure but there has been too much heel-dragging already".

The Government wants the scheme, opposed by football's governing bodies and the majority of clubs, implemented at every League ground by 1990.

Mr Graham Kelly, chief executive of the Football Association, dismissed the scheme as "unnecessary, economically ineffective and disastrous".

He said that football stood to lose up to £15 million a year at the turnstiles and that the facilities necessary to implement the plan would cost £10 million per annum.

Mr Moynihan, however, accused the game as being "blind to reality", as he released details of the report which recommends the introduction of a football membership authority to administer the scheme.

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Britain's shrinking families

The cherished idea that Britain is a nation of families living together is demolished in a survey yesterday showing that fewer than three in every 10 households consists of the "traditional" family unit.

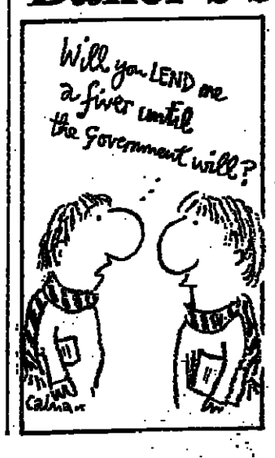
Instead, increasing numbers of people live alone or with one other person, according to the survey by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

It also shows that although these shrinking households live in increasing comfort — 73 per cent now have central heating, the highest level recorded — health is becoming a more serious problem.

The proportion of men (32 per cent) and women (35 per cent) with long-term illnesses or disabilities each rose by 3 per cent between 1985 and 1986. Last year more people consulted their GP and the biggest rise was in the 16 to 44 age group.

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Baker's student loan plan wins over Tory critics



By Nicholas Wood and Sam Kiley

Mr Kenneth Baker appeared last night to have assuaged Conservative backbench fears over student support after announcing to the Commons his plans for low-interest top-up loans averaging £400 in a full year of study for more than 500,000 undergraduates.

Four years ago a backbench revolt by 250 Tories killed off plans for higher parental contributions but the Secretary of State for Education and Science seems to have laid the ghost of his predecessor Sir Keith Joseph's ill-starred attempt to reform the system.

Mr James Pawsey, the chairman of the Conservative backbench education committee, said the Government's proposals would be welcomed, especially by the 70 per cent of parents contributing to their children's upkeep. Whitehall sources said: "We're not pretending it's all signed, sealed and delivered, but there have been discussions and those discussions have given us the impression that the banks are interested in co-operating".

Mr George Walden, the former minister for higher education, said the Government's proposals were sensitive and fair and Mr Keith Hampson, Tory MP for Leeds North West and an occasional thorn in Mr Baker's side, wanted him to go further and extend the scheme to part-time students.

But among the opposition parties there was bitter condemnation of the plans set out in a White Paper with both Labour and the Democrats saying that loans would deter young people from working class homes from continuing their education — a charge flatly denied by the Secretary of State as he cited higher participation rates in countries with loans.

The proposals were also attacked by the National Union of Students, which said that ending the right of students to claim housing benefit or income support during the long vacations would cost undergraduates between £1,200 and £1,600. The Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals said that students would be worse off.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, said that the Government was not topping up the grants system but pulling it down. Instead of going into the

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ON SATURDAY IN COLOUR

Powder hungry



● Tired of the jam-packed safety of the piste, today's young skiers are taking off to seek out the ultimate in excitement and danger with the new generation of winter sports. On Saturday, in colour, *The Times* looks at the way they get their thrills.

● The wheel thing: a look at the latest designer bikes.

● Going for the gap: how Ayrton Senna closed on his team-mate.

● French connection: why the British are moving back to Le Touquet.

● Village drama: has Bali kept its purity?

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● Three readers shared yesterday's £4,000 daily prize (see page 3), so the Portfolio Accumulator stands at £290,000.

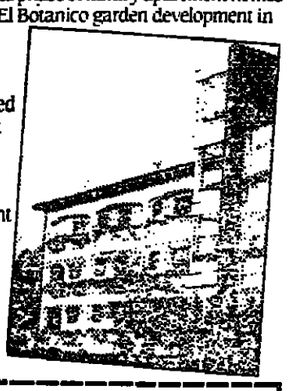
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NEWS ROUNDUP

Virus-resistant seal is released

A four-year-old female seal named Godzilla will be released into the sea off Hunstanton, Norfolk, today to start breeding a generation resistant to the virus which has killed thousands of its kind in the North Sea.

The common seal, weighing 70 kilograms, has been nursed back to health with antibiotics, food and rest at a seal centre at Docking, Norfolk, set up by groups, including the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Blood tests have shown that she is clear of the disease and has sufficient antibodies to resist its recurrence.

It is hoped that Godzilla, who should begin to breed next year, will produce young which are immune to the disease.

● The disease is related to the cattle plague virus, rinderpest, scientists at the Agricultural and Food Research Council's Institute of Animal Health have confirmed.

Although it is closely related, it is also distinct from it, the scientists, at Pirbright, Surrey, report in *Nature* today. They are now looking at ways of controlling it.

Britain holding on

Britain is considered to be well ahead of Japan in research in physiology and pharmacology, and the Earth sciences such as geology, but behind in chemistry, physics and materials science, according to companies surveyed for a report commissioned by the Cabinet Office and published today. However, they fear that the Japanese are set to overtake Britain in all those areas over the next five years, through their access to computer technology and better funding.

Collaboration in science and technology between the UK and Japan (SEPSU, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1; £16).

Jaguar lines halted

Production of Jaguar cars was halted yesterday for the second time this week and is expected to remain at a standstill until Monday in a dispute over a dismissed shop steward. All 80 men in the stores department at the Browns Lane assembly plant, Coventry, walked out in support of the worker. The company immediately laid off 2,000 assembly-line staff and said that they could be joined by others today. Jaguar loses production of 200 cars worth £5 million each day the assembly lines are halted.

Firms give away £1bn

British companies gave more money to charity last year than before and the contributions made by small businesses were much higher than expected, the Charities Aid Foundation said yesterday. But support dropped for international charities. British men were less likely to undertake voluntary work than women. Support from companies was estimated at £1 billion. Small businesses gave, on average, £200 a year. British householders gave an average £2 a month. Almost 40 per cent gave £1 a month or less, and a fifth gave more than £30.

False bargain rules

Shops will face new penalties from March for selling bogus bargains. Retailers will be required to show the full cost of goods and services to customers, including any service charge and value-added tax. A code of practice will also require them to attach labels giving accurate "before and after" prices during sales. Mr Eric Forth, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, said yesterday that the new penalties under the Consumer Protection Act, together with a code of practice, should prevent misleading labelling.

'Eye' loses libel case

Mr Richard and Mrs Marjorie Ramsay, horse trainers, of Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire, won undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday from *Private Eye*, the satirical magazine, after allegations published in a series of articles from September 1986 to December 1987. The magazine withdrew the allegations, apologized for the distress and embarrassment caused and accepted unreservedly that there was no foundation in them. It agreed to pay the undisclosed damages and all legal costs.

Synod shuns unilateralism on nuclear weapons

By Alan Wood

Attempts to achieve big reductions in nuclear and conventional arms were endorsed yesterday by the General Synod of the Church of England as it steered clear of unilateralism.

The synod heeded the advice of Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, that in the prevailing climate any retreat from the nuclear deterrent umbrella was something which had to be done slowly, cautiously and with much political skill.

Before the synod was a working party report, *Peace Making in a Nuclear Age*. The chairman of the Church of England Board of Social Responsibility, the Right Rev Yates, Bishop of Gloucester, successfully appealed for there not to be a repeat or an update of the 1983 debate on "The Church and The Bomb". The motion carried urged the Government to work for agreement between the nuclear powers on a comprehensive test ban treaty and to use its influence to encourage both superpowers to disengage from strategic defence initiatives and the militarization of space.

The synod also urged the Government to make moral rather than commercial criteria the primary factors in determining policy for the sale and transfer of arms, especially to areas of Third World conflicts. The Government should renew its efforts to secure a worldwide ban on weapons of chemical warfare.

Canon Peter Boulton (Southwell) wanted to urge the Government to put the British nuclear deterrent on the negotiating table. The original motion before conference had requested the Government to redouble its efforts to achieve agreements on arms cuts but he labelled that as nonsense. He considered the Government had done practically nothing to achieve reductions in nuclear or conventional weapons so the synod should have nothing to do with such dangerous simplicisms.

Dr John Saxbee (Exeter) called for the elimination of nuclear weapons rather than their reduction. That, he said, should be the goal of future agreements.

Dr Paul Baker (Bristol) argued that if strategic defence initiatives continued, an arms race in space became inevitable.

The Rt Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, said he considered the world would be a more dangerous place in the next 10 years because times of hope were times of risk and as old certainties began to melt they needed to be vigilant for floating icebergs. Political relationships were changing and these must be expressed in dramatically reduced levels of armament.

The synod rejected the notion that arms were a product to be sold as vigorously as any other.

The synod was told that European churches from East and West are to come together in Basle, Switzerland, next May on the theme of "Peace With Justice".

The ecumenical gathering has been arranged by the Conference of European Churches with its 120 member churches and by the Roman Catholic Council of European Bishops' Conference with its 26 members conferences. It will embrace churches from all signatories to the Helsinki Final Act in 1975. Observers from churches throughout the world have been invited.

The assembly will consider not only ecumenical questions but economic, social, political and environmental issues. The Church of England contingent to the assembly will be led by the Right Rev John Yates, Bishop of Gloucester.

The Church of England's cathedrals might be brought under statutory listed building control to govern alterations if it failed to agree to the Cathedrals Measure which provides for self regulation, the synod was told. It approved the new Measure in principle.

Work to rule threatening babies' lives, nurses told

By Craig Seton and Jill Sherman

The Royal College of Nursing appealed urgently to its members last night to abandon unofficial industrial action in the intensive care unit at Birmingham Children's Hospital and warned them they were putting the lives of babies at risk.

Mr Trevor Clay, the general secretary, said the decision of the RCN nurses to ban overtime was unacceptable and if they stopped duties such as physiotherapy, some babies could die.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, warned nurses that they could face disciplinary action or even dismissal for breach of contract.

The unit, where heart operations were repeatedly cancelled last autumn, will now be closed to all but emergency cases.

The college acted as eight of its members started an unofficial "work-to-rule" last night in the intensive care unit, marking the first industrial action by its members over regrading.

The move was in direct defiance of the college's own code of conduct.

Earlier 20 nurses belonging to the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe) started a work to rule which led to the closure of the intensive care unit to all but emergency admissions and the cancellation of scheduled heart operations on children.

Mr Clay, in a statement said: "It is unacceptable for nurses to opt out of physiotherapy for neonatal infants".

He added: "Without regular physiotherapy to clear mucus and maintain breathing, these babies will die".

Nurses from both Nupe and the college complained bitterly that regrading had been unfair to half the 49 nurses in the intensive care unit.

They claimed that and there were differences of £30 a week for staff doing similar jobs.

Last night Miss Charlotte King, a state enrolled nurse, and RCN shop steward at the hospital, said that the action had gone ahead at 5pm. She said: "We are withdrawing all our goodwill and there is no undertaking in the near future to reconvene with management to negotiate a return to our former practices. It is indefinite action."

The RCN nurses in the intensive care unit had withdrawn from non-nursing duties such as cleaning, "first dose" intravenous drugs, covering for staff shortages and physiotherapy. Nurses would not change duties to cover for emergencies.

Meanwhile action is expected to resume tomorrow at Leavesden Hospital, near Watford, Hertfordshire, after grades which nurses thought had been withdrawn were reimposed.

Embassy party night



Mr Jeffrey Archer celebrating with Mr Charles Price, the American ambassador to Britain, at the US embassy party after the announcement of Mr George Bush's presidential election victory in the early hours of yesterday morning. Election details, pages 6 and 7.

Reclaimed land 'has stayed empty'

By Our Political Reporter

The National Audit Office yesterday exposed a series of important defects in the Government's £80 million-a-year programme for reclaiming derelict land.

It said in a report that a significant amount of land reclaimed specifically for industrial or housing use remained unused because there was a lack of demand. A 1987 consultants' report found that 40 per cent of land reclaimed for industry or commerce before 1983 was still vacant.

It suggested that in other areas developers would have reclaimed land whether or not they had received government grants.

It cited evidence to suggest that land was becoming derelict at a faster rate than it was being reclaimed.

The office noted, on the Department of the Environment's administration of the programme, that it had still failed after seven years' work to develop an adequate computerized management information system.

The office acknowledged "substantial benefits and major individual successes" but concluded: "There remain important doubts". It welcomed remedial action being taken.

National Audit Office: Department of the Environment: Derelict Land Grant (Stationery Office; £4.90).

'Error of judgement' may have cost £38m

By Martin Fletcher

An all-party committee of MPs yesterday accused the Home Office of a "serious error of judgement" which will have cost the taxpayer £38 million in lost levies from independent television companies over the past two years.

The Commons Public Accounts Committee said in a critical report that the Home Office had ignored clear signs of an imminent surge in advertising revenue when changing the way the levies were assessed in 1986.

The new system, designed to promote efficiency among the television companies, reduced the rate of levy payable on domestic profits from 66.7 per cent to 45 per cent but introduced a 22.5 per cent levy on profits from overseas sales.

Although it was meant to raise as much as the old system, it raised £19 million less in 1986-87 because a 20 per cent rise in advertising revenue led to soaring domestic profits.

The Home Office should have been warned by a 12 per cent increase in advertising revenues the year before the system was introduced.

● The BBC's standing abroad has been affected by the government ban on broadcasting interviews with Northern Ireland terrorist organizations, Mr John Tusa, BBC World Service managing director, told MPs and peers last night (Richard Evans writes).

Speaking on the eve of today's lobby of Parliament against the ban, he urged politicians to support the BBC's opposition to the order.

Independent Broadcasting Authority: Additional Payments by Programme Contractors (Public Accounts Committee, Stationery Office; £3.50).

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BRITISH MIDLAND

RUC women's £1m gun bias victory

By Jamie Dettmer

More than 300 policewomen in Northern Ireland have been awarded nearly £1 million in compensation after a sex discrimination claim against the Royal Ulster Constabulary's policy of not arming them.

The out-of-court settlement agreed by Northern Ireland Police Authority is believed to be the largest made in the UK in a sex discrimination case.

It marks the end of a seven-year legal battle by policewomen from the RUC reserves and comes after the successful claim in March 1987 by 31 former RUC women reservists, who received almost £250,000 in compensation in a case they brought against Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the RUC, at an industrial tribunal in Belfast.

The legal battle started in 1980 when Sir John decided to phase out full-time women reservists from the force. He decided that all full-time reservists should be armed and he was not prepared to change the RUC's policy of not arming policewomen.

An industrial tribunal in Belfast was told yesterday that counsel for the 310 women bringing the second case had agreed compensation amounting to £900,000 with the police authority. The women will each receive sums ranging from £5,600 to £1,000 depending on their length of service. Most are former full-time reserve officers with some of them still serving part-time.

Those who worked part time claimed that they had also been discriminated against after the RUC's decision to cut back on their hours of duty and restrict their responsibilities.

Mr Justice McKee, who headed the tribunal, praised lawyers representing both sides for their "wisdom and energy". "We are aware of just what a supreme task confronted counsel in this matter, as we have been involved in this case since it began in the early 1980s. We are very impressed at the obvious sensible and practical approach adopted by both sides."

Last night, police sources indicated that the RUC's policy of not arming women officers was unlikely to be changed in the foreseeable future.

GPs paid twice for patients in homes

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Family doctors are getting retainers of up to £20,000 a year to provide services for private nursing home patients which they should give free under National Health Service contracts, it was claimed yesterday.

The Registered Nursing Home Association, representing 900 private nursing homes, said "a significant proportion" was having to pay doctors, even though those patients had been registered with a GP or local practice.

"Some homes are paying between £10,000 and £20,000 a year to a practice", Dr Paddy Carr, association general secretary, said. He added that doctors were reluctant to take on the extra workload represented by the burgeoning nursing home industry.

Technically it is illegal for GPs to charge for general medical services — including day and night call outs for treatment — if patients are on their lists; they already get per capita payments for all such patients from the Department of Health. However, nursing homes and doctors have ensured the extra payments are "legal" by drawing up specific contracts not mentioning general medical services.

Doctors are ostensibly being paid a consultant fee for "advice on pollution, cross infection or health education", Dr Carr said. In reality, the fee pays for the GP to do a weekly round and ensures one will visit if called out at night.

Alarmed at the high fees, the association has agreed with the British Medical Association general medical services committee to impose a £2,500 ceiling. A standard contract has been drawn up allowing doctors to charge a maximum of £2,500 a year. "It is not illegal if the form of wording is all right. But it could be described as unethical", Dr Carr said.

The BMA yesterday said GPs were justified in charging for assisting in "medical management of nursing homes", although there was no set fee.

It added the association's private practice committee advised any doctors "who inquired" that fees should be in line with the visiting medical officer rate, about £2,500 for three hours a week.

Glasgow Govan by-election

Confident Labour seeks big turn-out

By Kerry Gill

Mr Bob Gillespie, Labour's candidate in the Glasgow Govan by-election, admitted yesterday he would not enjoy the same huge majority as Mr Bruce Millan, the constituency's last Labour MP.

There was little doubt on the last day of the campaign that Mr Gillespie will be the next MP for Govan, although he conceded that Labour's 19,509 majority would be cut.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's spokesman on health and social security, bolstered his party's campaign in Glasgow as Mr Gillespie admitted to a nagging worry that his supporters might take his election for granted and remain at home. He said it was imperative that all Labour supporters vote today.

Mr Graeme Hamilton, the Conservative candidate, donned a Bush-Quayle in '88 hat, and said he had sent a message of congratulations to the Bush campaign headquarters. Mr Hamilton said of his own electoral chances: "I remain the eternal optimist and I will remain the eternal optimist until the final vote is counted".

With the last opinion poll showing only 8 per cent support for the Tories in Govan, it is unlikely that Mr Bush will be returning the compliment.

The Scottish National Party, almost certain to come second, was also still saying victory was in its grasp. Mr Jim Sillars, the SNP candidate, said: "I am going to win. The Labour vote is soft and the short campaign created by the Labour Party has worked to our advantage."

He said the people who held the key in the election would be those voters still undecided but who had a latent sympathy for the nationaliss' position.

Mr Bernard Ponsonby, the Democrats' candidate, said he expected to poll between 9 and 10 per cent of the vote.

Mr Cook said cuts in housing benefit were much greater than the Government had announced and rent arrears were increasing throughout Britain as a result.

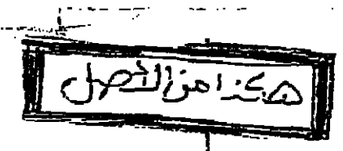
He disclosed the findings of a national survey detailing the level of housing benefit cuts. The Government, he said, had estimated that the annual total of housing benefit spending this year would drop by 2 per cent from 1987-88, but his own survey showed a drop of 13 per cent based on information supplied by more than 200 local housing authorities.

Mr Cook said that a claim by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr John Moore that 88 per cent of claimants were worse off was nonsense.

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Families becoming smaller, richer, less healthy, says survey

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

Family life in modern Britain is on the retreat as increasing numbers of people live alone or with only one other person.

The idea that Britain is made up of traditional families is demolished in the latest survey of households by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. Fewer than three out of every 10 households could be described in that way.

The picture of Britain that emerged yesterday is of a society steadily shrinking into smaller units.

Those units each increasingly enjoy more of the consumer goods used to measure the quality of life. There were more washing machines and tumble driers, dishwashers and microwave ovens, telephones and video recorders than ever before.

Deep freezers, home computers and second cars were also at record levels, while the 73 per cent of households with central heating was the highest proportion yet.

The economic well-being is not reflected in good health, however. The survey asks whether people have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity. Those answering yes rose during the 1970s; in the 1980s numbers fluctuated until 1985, when there was a striking increase.

Between 1985 and 1986 the proportion of men reporting a long-standing illness increased from 29 to 32 per cent and women from 31 to 34 per cent. Last year these figures stayed at their new, higher level.

In 1987 numbers of men and women consulting a general practitioner rose. It was not older people making greater use of the doctor's services: consultation rates rose among people aged 16 to 44.

In 1971, when the General Household Survey began, there were 2.91 people in each household on average. That has fallen to 2.55, and the fall has been mainly due to more people living alone.

During the past 25 years the proportion of all households containing only one person has risen from 17 to 25 per cent. Single parents make up 8 per cent of households and many of those have only one child. Married couples by themselves make up another 27 per cent.

Overall, about 60 per cent of the population usually live with only one other person. Of all families with children aged under 16, about 14 per cent are headed by a lone parent.

Conventional families with two parents and children living together make up only 28 per cent of households, although 44 per cent of all British people live in such arrangements.

The thrust of the figures is against "convention". For example, 6 per cent of adult women up to the age of 50 were cohabiting in 1987, twice the proportion in 1971.

Among women aged 20 to 24, 8.5 per cent were cohabitating when the survey interviewers called last year.

An underlying factor in those changes is the increasing importance of women in the job market. The proportion of men working or available for work has remained steady during the past quarter century as women have entered the labour force in growing numbers.

In 1971 half of all married women worked. Now more than two thirds do.

Having children is no barrier to employment. In 1987 60 per cent of women with children under the age of 16 were economically active, compared with 49 per cent in the early 1970s.

The data collected during 1987 will also be unwelcome to Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor: the enrolment of people in company pension schemes, making them eligible for private pensions after retirement, seems to be declining.

A main point of Mr Lawson's lobby briefing last weekend was his prediction that pensioners would in future be better off as more of them enjoyed enhanced pensions from such schemes.

The figures show that occupational pension schemes expanded significantly during the 1970s.

Since Mrs Margaret Thatcher came to power there seems to have been a decline in the proportion of men in an occupational scheme, from 68 per cent in 1979 to 62 per cent in 1987.

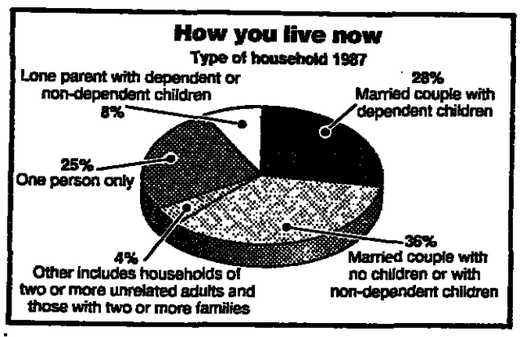
Mr Lawson's reported optimism about the future prosperity of pensioners would be well founded if alongside that decline in occupational schemes, people has bought private pensions, but the figures are elusive.

More worrying still is the discovery that not only did the proportion of women working full-time who were members of an employers' pension scheme fall but there was an increase in the proportion of women workers whose employer did not run any pension scheme.

OPCS Monitor SS/88/2 (OPCS, St Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2; free).

How you live now

Type of household 1987



HOUSEHOLD CONSUMER DURABLES (%)

	1972	1974	1976	1979	1981	1983	1985	1986	1987
Home computer	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	17	18
Video	-	-	-	-	-	18	31	38	46
Deep freezer	-	-	-	40	49	57	66	72	74
Washing machine	66	68	71	74	78	80	81	82	83
Tumble drier	-	-	-	19	23	28	33	36	39
Dishwasher	-	-	-	3	4	5	6	7	8
Telephone	42	50	54	67	75	77	81	83	83
Microwave oven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	30
Central heating	37	43	48	55	59	64	69	71	73
Car/van - 1	43	44	45	44	44	43	45	44	44
-more than 1	9	11	11	13	15	16	17	18	19
-Total	52	55	56	57	59	60	62	62	64

Widow flees Orkney's gossips



Prey to human frailty: Mrs Carole Miller and two of her children, Darren and Gemma (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

Rumourmongers 'have compulsive need to confirm their prejudices'

When Mrs Carole Miller learnt that her husband, Alan, had been killed in the Piper Alpha oil tragedy, she thought there would be no safer haven for the wounds of her grief to heal than Orkney. She and her husband were born, brought up and married on the island, and it was there that they raised their three children.

Today she is leaving the community that has been her home for all of her 26 years, a victim of a compulsive human activity conducted by almost everyone. Mrs Miller has fallen prey to gossip.

Quite when it started, nobody knows. And in the best traditions of gossip everywhere, no one on the island was saying yesterday, let alone confessing to starting the rumours and inuendoes.

But, also in the best traditions of gossip everywhere, everyone had heard *the story*.

One taxi driver said: "It's a small place and gossip is grist for some people. They may not mean any harm by it, but if something is repeated often enough then it becomes true."

The Rev William Cant, minister at St Magnus Cathedral, said he had had calls for newspapers and television asking about the rumours. "I am Carole Miller's minister. She has gone through a traumatic and very tragic experience in losing her husband."

Mrs Miller, her parents and her parents-in-law first became aware of what was being said about her personal life soon after she returned from a three-week visit to Canada to attend her brother's wedding.

Perhaps it was because Alan, an industrial chemist, had been the only Piper Alpha victim from Orkney. Perhaps it was because the area is so small and, as some have suggested, recreations are few.

"First of all it was said I was getting married", Mrs Miller said as she packed yesterday. "Then that I had gone to Canada to be married, and the latest rumour is that I am pregnant. It is all extremely sick and untrue and very hurtful.

Since she accepted compensation of more than £800,000 for the loss of her husband — the first relative to be identified as having accepted a cash sum — Mrs Miller has been an even greater target for the gossips.

On Wednesday night, she had to call police when intruders banged on the doors and windows of her bungalow home on the outskirts or Kirkwall.

Though it is small comfort, Mrs Miller is not alone in her plight. When the Cornish village of Mousehole was hit by the Penlee lifeboat disaster and a fund raised £4 million, widows there too became targets and a number had to move away to escape false accusations.

People who spread "negative" gossip do so to confirm their prejudices against an individual, and indirectly to wound or punish them, Professor Cary Cooper of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology said yesterday.

"It's dangerous because it's seldom based on fact, and it gets more distorted as it goes through the gossip network. People who indulge most in gossip tend to have less happening in their own lives", Mr Cooper, who is professor of organizational psychology at Umist, said.

Dr Jacqueline Atkinson, a psychologist at Glasgow University, and author of *Coping With Stress At Work* (Thorsons, £4.95) which is published on November 24, said: "Most people can put up with gossip about themselves as long as they have the support of family or friends. But if they have neither, they are much more vulnerable. If they have suffered a personal tragedy, such as a bereavement, they are particularly defenceless."

"Usually in such circumstances you would expect the local community to be supportive. People expect others to behave in a certain way, and if you don't, you risk being the subject of gossip, or of pressure on you to conform. In either case, the results are stressful to the individual."

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Good gift expected

Three winners share yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio prize. The win will be particularly useful to the Falcon family of Danesway, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, who have four children.

"They are aged 20, 18, nine and six and so, with Christmas coming up, I suppose they will be expecting super presents this year", Mrs Marilyn Falcon, whose husband Charles is a medical scientist, said.

The other winners were Mr Thomas Sparke, of Elsworth Place, Cambridge, and Mr Keith Round, of Dore, Sheffield.

Simplified land laws proposed

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Reforms to simplify and modernize the law on land ownership and make conveyancing easier are submitted by the Law Commission in a proposed Bill today.

The commission says 90 per cent of the population live in areas of compulsory registration of title yet the 60-year-old statute governing registration of ownership of their homes is complicated and obscure.

The commission cites one judge as saying that the present Land Registration Act, 1925 puts "difficulties in the way of comparatively simple transactions which would not have arisen with unregistered land".

In its fourth and final report on land registration, published today, the commission proposes a 72-clause Bill as a comprehensive and comprehensible re-draft of the legislation.

Land registration is being extended throughout England and Wales. It does not affect all properties but by the end of 1988 it will be compulsory in areas where 94 per cent of the population live, including all of Wales.

Property Law: Fourth report on Land Registration. HC 680, Law Commission no 173 (Stationery Office: £10.30).

Marriage over

Keith Waterhouse, the journalist and author, of Cromwell Road, south-west London, was divorced by his wife Stella yesterday on the ground that they had not lived together for more than two years.

Marksmen delayed shooting

A police chief told an inquest yesterday that his men waited until a gunman was within 10 yards of them before shooting him.

Mr John Harland, deputy Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset, said officers had pleaded with Glyn Davies to give himself up.

A dog was sent to try to pull Davies down, but the animal backed off.

Mr Harland said: "The officers should have fired when he was substantially further away.

"But their restraint and compassion held them back."

Davies, aged 29, of Chard, Somerset, had been followed by police for 85 miles after threatening to shoot a bailiff who tried to exercise a court order to take his daughter to his estranged wife.

Davies twice fired at police with his pump-action shotgun before being cornered in a lane near Chard, the inquest at Cullompton, Devon, was told.

Mr Harland said: "Davies left his vehicle and was about 50 yards away. He was walking towards us. All the time officers were exhorting him to put down his weapon.

"As he approached he racked the weapon as if he was loading it."

Davies then swung round pointing the gun at the officers. He was then shot.

The inquest continues today.

Rape accusation

Witness 'heard cry of pain'

By Michael Horsnell

A witness in a rape case said yesterday he heard the alleged victim shout in pain in a cubicle next to his at a physiotherapist's surgery.

He said it was the sort of cry he made while undergoing treatment for injury and that if the woman had been attacked in the way she described he would have known about it.

Mr Alan Green, from Pitsea, Essex, told the High Court in Chelmsford that he had been at the surgery throughout the woman's appointment on December 23 1985 when she was allegedly raped by the physiotherapist.

The Director of Public Prosecutions decided against instituting criminal proceedings in April 1986. The woman is seeking aggravated damages against the physiotherapist, aged 47, for trespass to the person.

Mr Green said the end curtain to the cubicle occupied by the woman was open when he arrived for an hour's treatment, indicating she had not arrived. After the treatment he spoke to the physiotherapist and the woman's shout was mentioned. He left, noticing her cubicle was empty.

The teacher has alleged she was raped while the surgery was empty but a psychiatrist has told the court she was psychiatrically disturbed and could have fantasized the attack. She says it took place in the centre cubicle of three, all separated by a curtain.

Mr Green, who was being treated for an injured back, told the court: "In the middle cubicle I heard a girl give one short holler. It's an exact sort of holler I had when I did quick movements. Then I heard the physiotherapist's voice. It was like questions and answers between them. I can only assume he was putting her through her paces and getting her to move. The holler came during the conversation."

If there had been any sexual activity in which she fell off the couch and hit some equipment he would have heard. "After my treatment was over I said to the physiotherapist, 'she sounded in a lot of pain' and he said she had something wrong with her. I can't remember the medical word."

The case continues today.

Love tangle led to triple killing

A bank clerk was shot dead by her former boy friend as she telephoned the police, an Oxford inquest was told yesterday.

Steven Evans had broken into Christine Bradshaw's home in West Lockinge, Oxfordshire, and shot dead David Denly, his rival.

As Miss Bradshaw made the 999 call and shouted: "Police, quick, quick", Mr Evans shot her. Soon afterwards he shot himself, the inquest was told. Mr Nicholas Gardiner, the Oxfordshire coroner, recorded verdicts of unlawful killings on Mr Denly, aged 21, of Mill Lane, East Hendred, Oxfordshire, and Miss Bradshaw, aged 19.

He recorded that Mr Evans, aged 20, of The Orchard, East Challow, Oxfordshire, had taken his own life.

The inquest was told that Miss Bradshaw was still holding the telephone receiver when police arrived at the scene at 10pm on August 17 this year.

Det Constable Daniel McGurk, who heard the recording of the 999 call, received at 9.35pm, said he heard the sound of a gun discharging. "Then there was the sound of a female voice screaming: 'Police, quick, quick'. Four further gun discharges then followed", he said.

Buildings listed to beat developers

By John Young

English Heritage is planning to list thousands more historic buildings to curb the threat of a new bout of destruction and rebuilding of town and city centres.

The present building boom, with the establishment of new government-sponsored urban development corporations to revitalize run-down areas of the North and the Midlands, has aroused fears of a return to the comprehensive redevelopment schemes of the 1960s. The wholesale sweeping away of familiar streets and buildings to make way for new office blocks, shopping centres, roads and multi-storey car parks has proved widely unpopular, but conservationists feel that the lessons have still not been learned.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of English Heritage, which is responsible for the listing of all buildings of historic or architectural interest, and for the scheduling of ancient monuments, said yesterday that he would not hesitate to use the system to thwart what he saw as unnecessarily destructive redevelopment.

The acceleration of survey work commissioned by the Government in 1982 meant that nearly half a million buildings were now protected by law.

In practice many of the lists dating from the 1970s were defective.

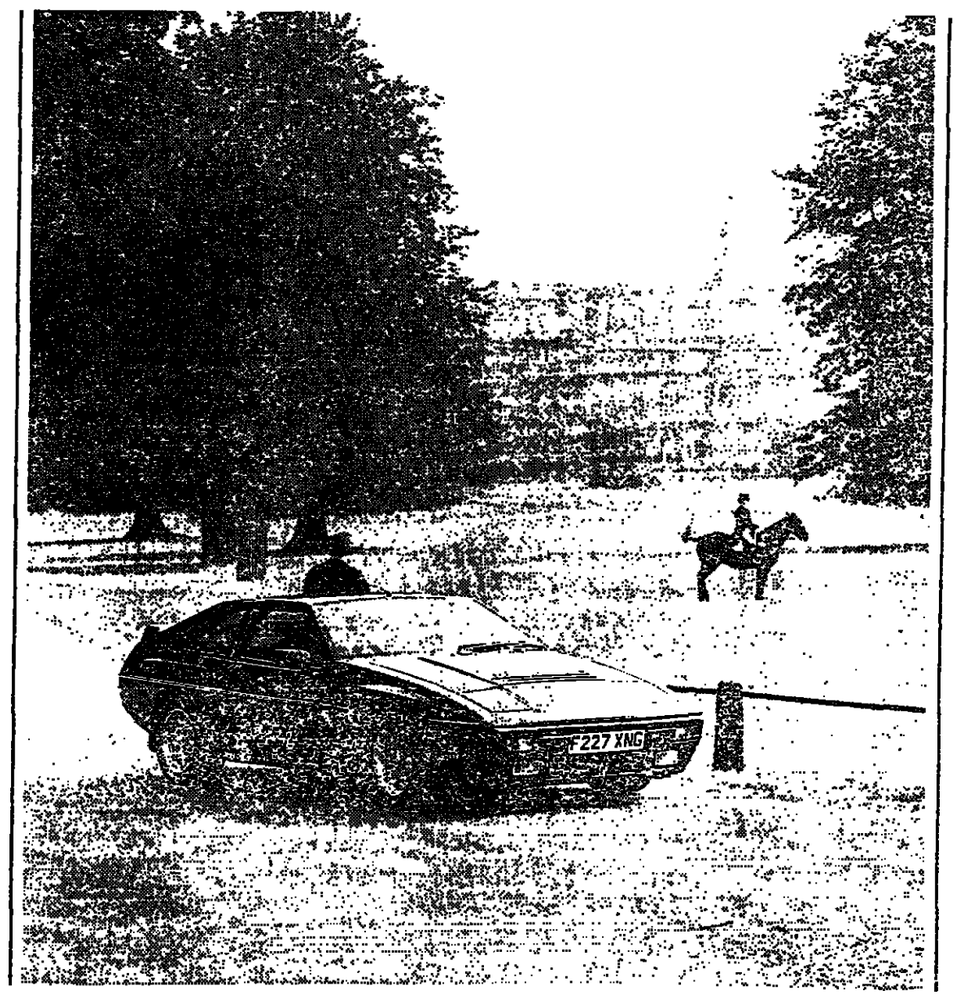
Some of the most glaring deficiencies were in the older industrial cities where surviving areas of Victorian, and even Georgian, buildings were virtually unprotected. Manchester and Leeds were among those at greatest risk.

Speaking at the launch of English Heritage's annual report, he said the policy now was to switch grants for restoration towards the industrial towns and other northern historic towns.

Lord Montagu also said that one of the greatest threats to the character of historic towns was posed by giant shopping developments.

Local authorities were also being urged to do their own surveys of buildings at risk, and one, Lincoln, had agreed to do so.

In a reference to the proposed Mansion House Square development in the City of London, Lord Montagu said there should be a presumption that historic buildings, particularly in a nationally important conservation area, should not be demolished if they were capable of continued use.



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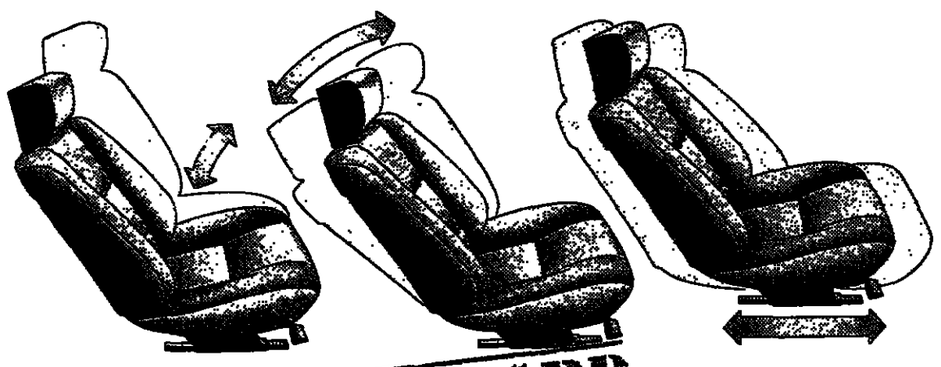


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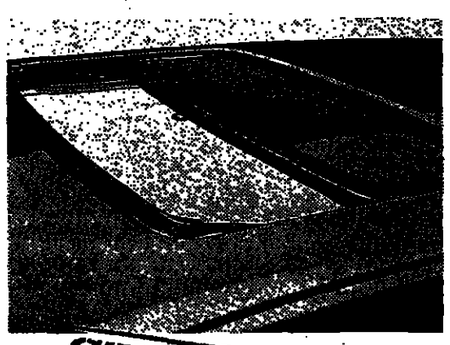
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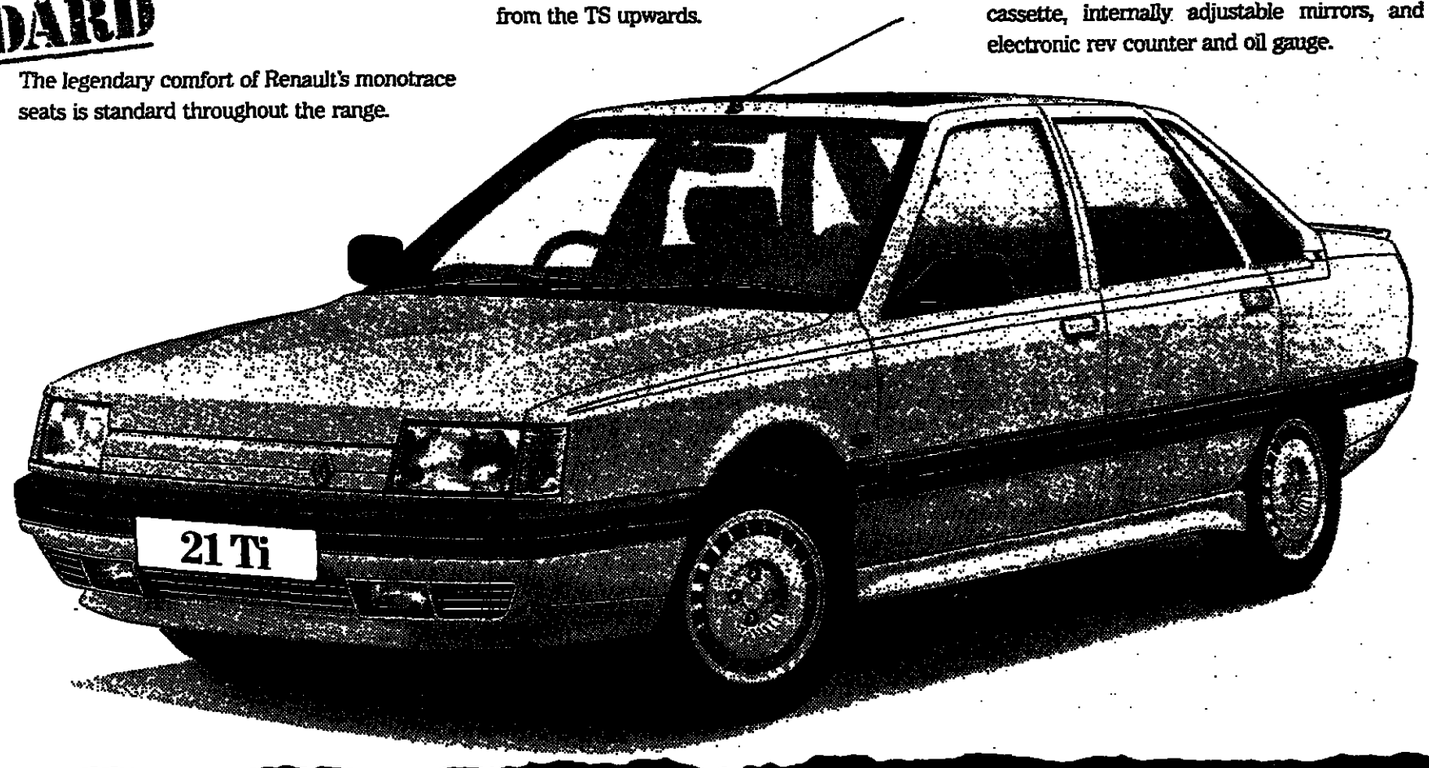
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White Paper details cash for students at rate of inflation without means testing

Top-up loans to be launched when grants are frozen in autumn 1990



Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State, leaving the Department of Education and Science yesterday.

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

The White Paper, *Top-Up Loans for Students*, proposes to introduce a scheme to freeze grants and replace them with loans which will be charged at the rate of inflation.

Loans will not be means tested and will be available to anyone who is in receipt of a grant. The Government's proposals in detail:

The loan

The main features of the proposed top-up loan scheme are:

- zero real interest;
- no means testing;
- repayments responsive to earnings;
- no cross-liability of spouses.

Those terms represent a further effective subsidy as graduates will not be required to pay commercial rates of interest. The loan facility will be made available, subject to parliamentary approval, in the 1990-91 academic year.

The Government will discuss the implications with interested parties, including financial institutions, and will be open to suggestions for adaptation and refinement.

Eligibility

The loan facility will be offered to all full-time home students in higher education, except postgraduates, aged up to 50.

It will be available from autumn 1990 to all students who are eligible, including those already part-way through their courses.

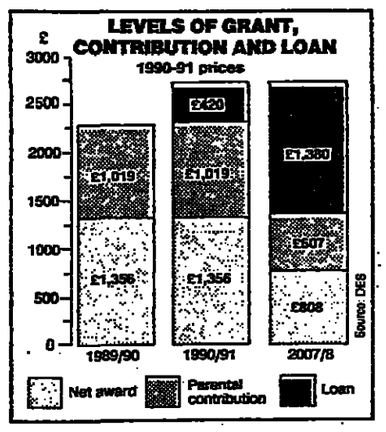
Unlike the maintenance grant, the loan facility will not be means tested. The amount issued will be a matter of individual choice.

Value of loan facility

The Government proposes that the loan facility should be available at three levels, according to whether the student is living in term in the parental home, away from home in London, or away from home outside London.

It is intended to provide support throughout the year at a level which will make it unnecessary for students to look for supplementary support from the social security system.

However, it is not intended to cover the long vacation that follows the end of the course, when the graduate is available for work and eligible for benefits.



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After 1990-91, the Government proposes to make no further increase for a number of years in the grant or parental contribution.

The maximum grant, and the average contribution, will be maintained at the 1990-91 cash level.

Students' total resources in grant and loan will continue to be reviewed annually in the light of evidence of cost increases, as the grant levels are at present.

Any uprating will be applied to the loan facility only.

In real terms, the value of the grant — and the burden of the parental contribution — will fall and the loan facility will expand to compensate.

That process will continue until the grant and the parental contribution taken together is approximately equal to the loan facility.

Parental contribution

When the loan is introduced in 1990, the levels of both grant and parental contribution will be unaffected.

Some students may choose to use the loan facility to minimize the extent to which they rely on support from their parents.

As the real value of the loan increases, the effect will be felt at all points on the income scale as a reduction of the real cost of the parental contribution.

Interest

The Government proposes that the loan should be provided at a real interest rate of zero. That would be achieved by revaluing the outstanding debt annually in line with the Retail Price Index.

Those repayments would amount to about 5 per cent to 10 per cent of the cost to the public of the average student's higher education.

Repayments

The liability to start repayments should not immediately come after graduation. The Government proposes that the liability should begin in the April after the end of the period of study. Graduates will therefore have nine months' grace before any liability begins. Repayments should be responsive to individuals' economic circumstances.

A choice to pursue a vocation where earnings are low should not be inhibited by an obligation to complete repayment of the loan.

That applies particularly to the decision to interrupt work in order to raise children.

Loans should be written off in circumstances of death, or on the graduate reaching the age of 50 or 25 years after the loan commenced.

Access Funds

At the same time as introducing the loan facility, the Government intends to establish three access funds to provide additional support to home students in the form of discretionary bursaries.

Those will be available in cases where access to higher education might be inhibited by financial considerations, or where students, for whatever reasons, face real financial difficulties.

The access funds will be available to students in publicly-funded establishments. They will be administered by the higher and further education institutions themselves, which will be responsible for applying criteria to their own students, assessing individual circumstances and making payments.

There will be three funds, each of £5 million a year.

There will be a parallel fund for full-time home students aged 19 and over in further education, including those on further education courses in higher education establishments.

Costs and Savings

Those arrangements will make it possible to implement the Government's long-standing commitment to removing full-time students from dependency on social security benefits.

The new loan facility and the new bursary funds in combination are intended to give students access to the resources they need.

From their introduction, full-time students in higher or further education will no longer be entitled to claim income support, unemployment benefit or housing benefit.

Students' entitlement to other social security benefits will not be affected. They will still be able to claim, according to their circumstances, refunds for medical or dental charges and child benefit.

Students who are single parents or disabled will continue to be able to claim income support and housing benefit.

Students with dependants will also have access to the additional allowances under the grant regime.

Social security benefits

The introduction of the new regime will involve a net increase in public expenditure of about £120 million in the first year.

As repayments are made, they will offset costs, growing to balance them just after the start of the next century.

Thereafter, repayments will outweigh costs, producing a net saving in public expenditure which will stabilize at something more than £200 million (at 1990-91 prices) once the regime is fully developed.

TV may cost pupil 'opt out' placing

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Governors at the first comprehensive school to vote to opt out of council control were accused yesterday of planning to exclude pupils whose parents chose to spend their evenings at home watching television soap operas.

The accusation came after the disclosure that parents who wanted to send their children to St James' Church of England School, Farnworth, near Bolton, would be asked to fill in a form detailing their community activities.

The chairman of the governors, the Rev Paul Kerr, said: "Obviously we will have to select pupils on some basis. Up to now it has been a question of church affiliations. What we plan to do is to ask parents to fill in a form stating their community interests. We want this to be a truly community school."

The National Union of Teachers said of the plan: "It is appalling to think that children will be penalized because their parents prefer to stay at home and watch *Coronation Street*".

Bright working class children might not be able to meet the "community criteria" through no fault of their own, a union spokesman said. Their parents might not have the time to take part in community activities or their involvement outside the home might not fall within the school's definition of a worthwhile activity, he added.

The plan outlined by Mr Kerr "smacked too much" of the Government's policy of creating a new generation of active citizens.

Mr Kerr accused the union of over-reacting and added: "We are a church school so we have discussed the changes in our admissions policy with the diocese.

"When we ask, 'what are your community interests?' we expect to get answers ranging from the Brownies and the WRVS to people who belong to political parties.

"We want to create a school which is of use to the whole community. Although we are a church school there will be no question of admitting a fixed percentage of churchgoers."

Oxford debates NHS

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, will tonight defend the Government's record on the Health Service at a debate at the Oxford Union sponsored by *The Times*.

Mr Clarke, who last week claimed credit for having wrung an extra £2 billion from the Treasury for his department, will oppose the motion that the "NHS is not safe in the Government's hands".

The motion will be proposed by Mr Paddy Ashdown, the leader of the Social and Liberal Democratic Party, who will argue that the Government has allowed funding for the health service to decline to irresponsible levels.

The two main speakers in the debate will be supported on the left by Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, and on the right by Mr Robert Johnson, a senior surgeon at the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Eleven new records for modern British artists

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Modern British artists continued to creep up on their more costly French counterparts yesterday, with 11 new records at Sotheby's London.

Philip Wilson Steer's record of barely a week was smashed by more than £60,000 when Whitford & Hughes, the London dealers, bought his "A Girl reclining on a sofa" for £187,000, more than doubling its estimate.

Jack Butler Yeats, the Irish artist, came next with a record of £93,500 (triple the estimate) for "The Path of Diarmuid and Grainne", a legend of two lovers who elope and are chased across Ireland by Grainne's husband. Through the wild, expressionistic brush strokes it is possible to discern a seashore, horse and man.

Other records included £63,800 (double estimate) for La Thangue; £57,200 (upper estimate £40,000) for William Roberts, and £37,400 (double estimate) for a still life by Augustus John. John's performance was poor in spite of being one of the most famous artists at the auction.

Another disappointment was David Bomberg, whose oil "Moorish Ronda, Andalucia" sold below its estimate at £71,500, the same price as its former record.

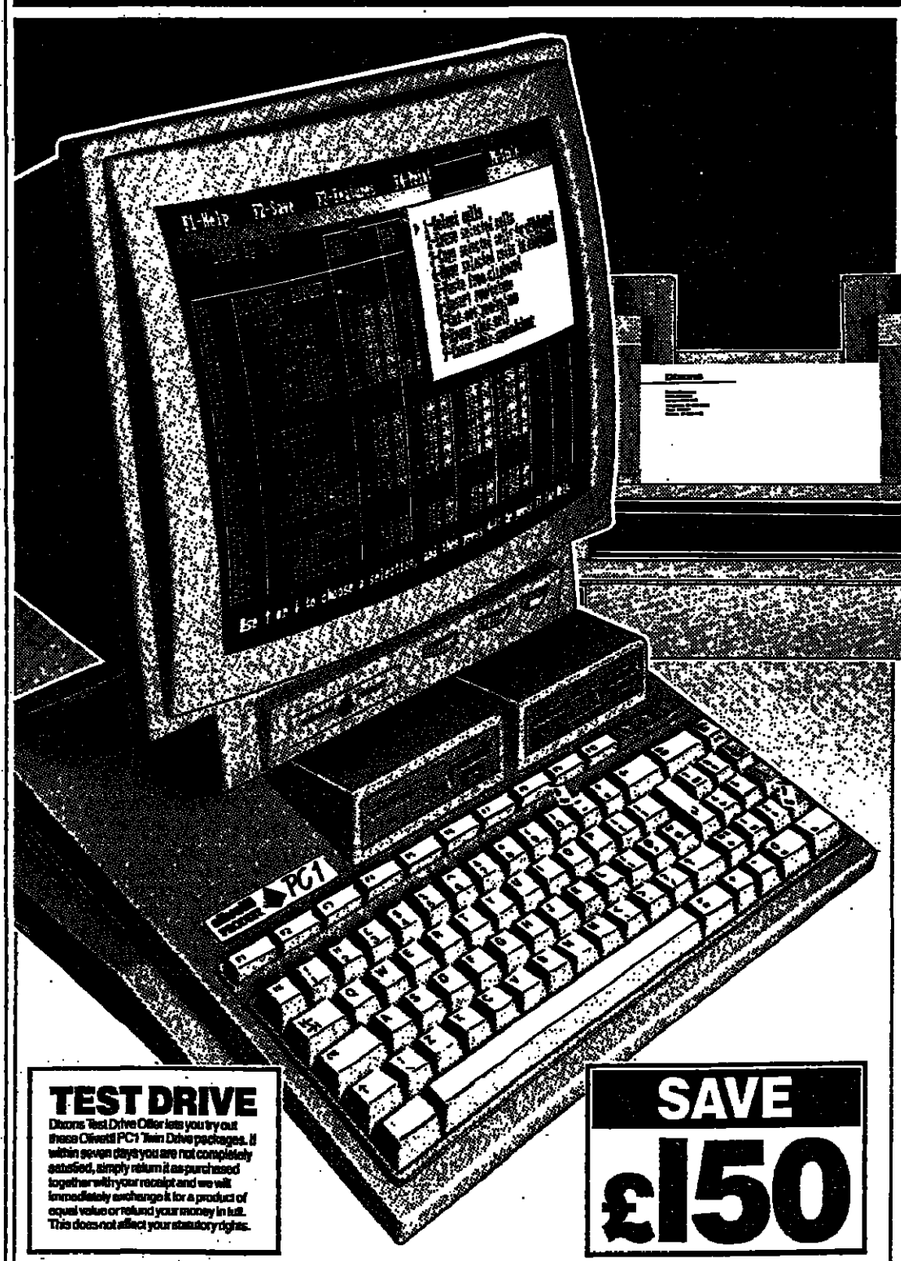
Dealers did most of the buying at the auction, which totalled £2.6 million, the highest ever for such a sale.

Deryn Cowdey, the great-great grandaughter of "Xie", or Alexandra Kitchen, the girl photographed by Lewis Carroll in the 1870s, spent £165 on an image of Xie at Phillips yesterday. The photograph was one of a recently discovered cache of 27 glass negatives and 61 prints.

Hans Kraus, an American collector, paid £1,540 for Xie as a red Indian and the Musée d'Orsay, Paris, bought three negatives for about £1,400 each. The sale however was not an the overall success, totalling £32,076, £20,000 less than the presale estimate, with 35 per cent unsold.

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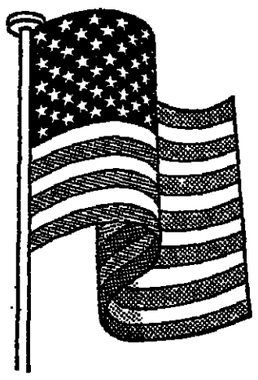
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US ELECTIONS



PROPOSITIONS

Gun lobby suffers a setback

By Michael Binyon

The gun lobby, after spending more than $5 million (£2.8 million) received its first big setback when voters in Maryland overwhelmingly rejected an attempt to repeal one of the nation's toughest new gun-control laws.

In a local referendum, 58 per cent of voters refused to overturn a law banning "Saturday night specials" — cheap, readily available guns that have been blamed for the high murder rate throughout the country.

Florida voters overwhelmingly approved a measure making English the official language while, in a bitterly fought battle in California, voters rejected a proposal to strip confidentiality from Aids blood tests and require doctors and blood banks to report positive tests to state health officials. In Massachusetts a measure to close two nuclear power reactors was heading for defeat.

BATTLES FOR CONGRESS AND GOVERNORSHIPS

Bruising upsets give Democrats more muscle

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Democrats strengthened their control of Congress, with a net gain of at least two Senate seats from the Republicans. They now have a majority of 56-44, boosting their confidence and setting the scene for tough fights with the White House over spending and legislation.

Most incumbents in the 33 seats at stake were returned comfortably, but there were several surprises. Senator Lowell Weicker, a liberal Republican in Connecticut, was narrowly defeated by his Democratic challenger, who was helped by many right-wingers disillusioned with Mr Weicker's opposition to President Reagan on several key issues. Mr Weicker refused to concede, however, and may seek a recount.

The results underline the enormous advantage incumbents now have in seeking re-election because of their ability to raise money from lobby and interest groups. It is becoming increasingly difficult for outsiders to get into Congress, however poor the incumbent.

In the House of Representatives the situation is virtually frozen, giving a permanent Democratic majority with an almost unchanged membership from year to year. Senators and House members are increasingly vulnerable to pressure by lobby groups in return for huge "donations" to fight off challengers.

Analysts said yesterday the trend now meant anyone elected to Congress virtually held the job for life.

In Nevada, Senator Chic Hecht, a Republican who had been trailing badly in the polls, was defeated, and in Nebraska, Republican Senator David Karnes — appointed to fill a vacancy — was soundly beaten by a popular former Democratic governor, Mr Robert Kerrey.

As expected, the popular former Democratic governor of Virginia, Mr Charles Robb, overwhelmingly beat the Republican who was trying to hold on to the seat of a retiring Republican senator. Mr Robb, a son-in-law of President Johnson, is a leading Democratic moderate and may play a key role in the party's future.

Democrats suffered one loss in Montana where Senator John Melcher was beaten by a strong Republican challenger. But other Democrats fought off strong challenges, often after bruising battles. Senator Howard Metzenbaum, a liberal senator from Ohio, was returned, although the state voted for Mr Bush as President. In North Dakota, Senator Quentin Burdick, aged 80, got back despite campaign controversy over his age. Two Republicans also just managed to hang on: Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming, one of the most conservative in the Senate, beat off his Democratic challenger by less than 1,000 votes. In California, Senator Pete Wilson, a first-timer, beat the Democrat, Mr Leo McCarthy, becoming the first incumbent returned to Washington in that seat in 36 years.

The 435 members of the House of Representatives were returned with very few changes. The Democrats, who had a majority in the 100th Congress of 255-177 with three vacancies, were expected to finish with a net gain of six seats. Incumbents won in all but 27 seats, but among the few ousted was the Democratic chairman of the House Banking Committee.

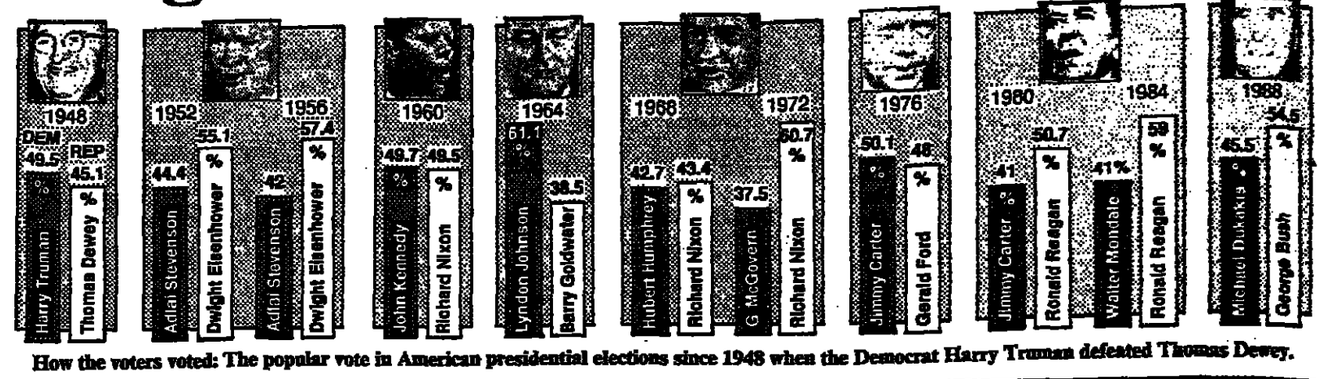
The Democrats also made gains in the 12 gubernatorial races, winning control of two Republican state houses — West Virginia and Indiana. Mr Evan Bayh, the son of the former Democratic senator, Mr Birch Bayh, who was ousted in 1980 by Senator Dan Quayle, defeated a Republican opponent trying to succeed the retiring Republican governor. At 32, he will be the nation's youngest governor, and the first Democratic governor in this Republican stronghold since 1964.

In West Virginia, an economically depressed state, voters threw out Republican Governor Arch Moore who was trying to win an unprecedented fourth term.

His challenger, an insurance executive and political novice.

● NEW YORK: The upset in Connecticut was a dramatic example of the power of the right wing of the Republican party (James Bone writes).

Mr Joseph Lieberman, a Democrat endorsed by the arch-conservative columnist William Buckley, beat the three-term Republican Mr Weicker by a mere 7,000 out of a total of 1.3 million votes.



How the voters voted: The popular vote in American presidential elections since 1948 when the Democrat Harry Truman defeated Thomas Dewey.

HOW THE POPULAR VOTE SPLIT STATE BY STATE

State	No of electoral college votes Dukakis	Bush	Popular vote % Dukakis	Bush
Alabama	0	9	40	60
Alaska	0	3	39	61
Arizona	0	7	39	61
Arkansas	0	6	43	57
California	0	47	49	51
Colorado	0	8	46	54
Connecticut	0	8	48	52
Delaware	0	3	43	57
Florida	0	21	39	61
Georgia	0	12	40	60
Hawaii	4	0	56	44
Idaho	0	4	37	63
Illinois	0	24	47	53
Indiana	0	12	40	60
Iowa	8	0	55	45
Kansas	0	7	43	57
Kentucky	0	9	44	56
Louisiana	0	10	45	55
Maine	0	4	44	56
Maryland	0	10	49	51
Massachusetts	13	0	54	46
Michigan	0	20	47	53
Minnesota	10	0	53	47
Mississippi	0	7	40	60
Missouri	0	11	48	52
Montana	0	4	47	53
Nebraska	0	5	40	60
Nevada	0	4	38	60
New Hampshire	0	4	37	63
New Jersey	0	16	43	57
New Mexico	0	5	48	52
New York	36	0	52	48
North Carolina	0	13	42	58
North Dakota	0	3	44	56
Ohio	0	23	45	55
Oklahoma	0	8	42	58
Oregon	7	0	53	47
Pennsylvania	0	25	49	51
Rhode Island	4	0	56	44
South Carolina	0	8	38	62
South Dakota	0	3	47	53
Tennessee	0	11	42	58
Texas	0	29	44	56
Utah	0	5	33	67
Vermont	0	3	48	52
Virginia	0	12	40	60
Washington	10	0	51	49
West Virginia	6	0	52	48
Wisconsin	11	0	52	48
Wyoming	0	3	39	61
D of Columbia	3	0	86	14
Total	112	426	46	54

Winners in House battle for 101st Congress

In the results for the Senate and gubernatorial elections below, any change in power and the percentage of votes counted are under the name of the state. The winner's name is in bold. The contestants names' are followed by R or D, to indicate their party, and the number of votes cast for them. Incumbents are shown with the date they were first elected in brackets.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

	Dem	Rep
Previous total	257	178
Won	257	173
Leading	5	0
New total	262	173
Net Change	+5	-5

This is a list of the newly elected House of Representatives for the 101st US Congress. In the results, issued by the Associated Press, the first figure indicates the congresssional district number. AL indicates a representative elected "at large", where the state is not split into districts. The district is followed by the winning party and the candidate. At the end, in brackets, is the date that a candidate was first elected or, in the case of newcomers, the party that previously held the seat. Lines in bold indicate that a seat has changed hands.
*** denotes an uncontested seat**
¹ indicates the winner only faced an independent candidate

Alabama
1 R Herbert Callahan (84)
2 R William Dickinson (64)¹
3 D Willam Nichols (66)¹
4 D Tom Bevill (66)¹
5 D Ronnie Flippo (76)
6 D Ben Erdreich (82)
7 D Claude Harris Jr (86)

Alaska
AL Undecided (R)

Arizona
1 R John Rhodes III (86)
2 D Morris Udall (61)
3 R Bob Stump (76)
4 R Jon Kyl (86)¹
5 R Jim Kolbe (84)

Arkansas
1 D William Alexander Jr (68)*
2 D Tommy Robinson (84)
3 R J P Hammerschmidt (66)
4 D Beryl Anthony Jr (78)

California
1 D Douglas Bosco (82)
2 Undecided (R)
3 D Robert Matsui (78)
4 D Vic Fazio (78)*
5 Undecided (D)
6 Undecided (D)
7 Undecided (D)
8 Undecided (D)
9 Undecided (D)
10 D Don Edwards (62)¹
11 D Thomas Lantos (80)
12 Undecided (R)
13 Undecided (D)
14 Undecided (R)
15 Undecided (D)
16 D Leon Panetta (76)
17 Undecided (R)
18 D Richard Lehman (82)
19 Undecided (R)
20 Undecided (R)
21 Undecided (R)
22 Undecided (R)
23 Undecided (D)
24 Undecided (D)
25 D Edward Roybal (62)¹
26 Undecided (D)
27 Undecided (D)
28 Undecided (D)
29 Undecided (D)
30 Undecided (D)
31 Undecided (D)
32 Undecided (D)
33 Undecided (R)
34 Undecided (D)
35 Undecided (R)
36 Undecided (D)
37 Undecided (R)
38 Undecided (R)
39 Undecided (R)
40 Undecided (R)
41 Undecided (R)
42 Undecided (R)
43 Undecided (R)
44 Undecided (D)
45 R Duncan Hunter (80)

Colorado
1 D Patricia Schroeder (72)
2 D David Skaggs (86)
3 D Ben N Campbell (86)
4 R Hank Brown (80)
5 R Joel Hefley (86)
6 R Daniel Schaefer (83)

Connecticut
1 D Barbara Kennelly (82)
2 D Samuel Gejdenson (80)
3 D Bruce Morrison (82)
4 R Christopher Shays (87)
5 R John Rowland (84)
6 R Nancy Johnson (82)



Charles Bennett: Retains his seat on the 40th anniversary of his first election.

Delaware
AL D Thomas Carper (82)

Florida
1 D Earl Hutto (78)
2 D Bill Grant (86)¹
3 D Charles Bennett (48)*
4 D William Chappell Jr (68)
5 R Bill McCollum Jr (80)*
6 R Clifford Stearns (D)
7 D Sam Gibbons (62)*
8 R C W Young (70)
9 R Michael Bilirakis (82)¹
10 R Andy Ireland (76)
11 D Bill Nelson (78)
12 R Tom Lewis (82)*
13 R Porter Goss (R)
14 D Harry Johnston II (D)
15 R E Clay Shaw Jr (80)
16 R Joseph Smith (D)
17 D William Lehman (72)*
18 D Claude Pepper (62)*
19 D Dante Fascell (54)

Georgia
1 Undecided (D)
2 D Charles Hatcher (80)
3 D Richard Ray (82)*
4 D Ben Jones (R)
5 D John Lewis (86)
6 R Newt Gingrich (78)
7 D George Darden (83)
8 D J Roy Rowland Jr (82)*
9 D Edgar Jenkins (76)
10 D Doug Barnard Jr (76)

Hawaii
1 Undecided (R)
2 D Daniel Akaka (76)¹

Idaho
1 R Larry Craig (80)
2 D Richard Stallings (84)

Illinois
1 D Charles Hayes (83)
2 D Gus Savage (80)
3 D Martin Russo (74)
4 Undecided (R)
5 D William Lipinski (82)
6 R Henry Hyde (74)
7 D Cardiss Collins (73)*
8 D Daniel Rostenkowski (58)
9 D Sidney Yates (48)
10 R John Porter (80)
11 D Frank Annunzio (64)
12 R Philip Crane (69)
13 R Harris Fawell (84)
14 R J Dennis Hastert (86)
15 R Edward Madigan (72)
16 R Lynn Martin (80)
17 D Lane Evans (82)
18 R Robert Michel (56)
19 D Terry Bruce (84)
20 D Richard Durbin (82)
21 Undecided (D)
22 D Glenn Poshard (D)

Indiana
1 D Peter Visclosky (84)
2 D Philip Sharp (74)
3 R John Hiler (80)
4 R Daniel Coats (80)
5 D James Jontz (86)
6 R Danny Burton (82)
7 R John T Myers (66)
8 D Francis McCloskey (82)
9 D Lee Hamilton (64)
10 D Andrew Jacobs Jr (64)

Iowa
1 R James Leach (76)
2 R Thomas Tauke (78)
3 D David Nagle (86)
4 D Neal Smith (58)
5 R Jim R Lightfoot (84)
6 R Frederick Grandy (85)

Kansas
1 R Charles P Roberts (80)*
2 D James Slattery (82)
3 R Janis Meyers (84)
4 D Dan Glickman (76)
5 R Bob Whittaker (78)

Kentucky
1 D Carroll Hubbard Jr (74)¹
2 D William Natcher (53)
3 D Romano Mazzoli (70)
4 R James Bunning (86)
5 R Harold Rogers (80)*
6 R Larry Hopkins (78)
7 D Carl Perkins (84)

Louisiana
1 R Robert Livingston Jr (77)*
2 D Corinne Boggs (73)*
3 D Wilbert Tauzin (80)*
4 R James McCrery III (88)*
5 D Thomas Huckaby (76)*
6 R Richard Baker (86)*
7 D James Hayes (86)*
8 R Clyde Holloway (86)

Maine
1 D Joseph Brennan (86)
2 R Olympia Snowe (78)

Maryland
1 Undecided (D)
2 R Helen D Bentley (84)
3 D Benjamin Cardin (86)
4 D C Thomas McMillen (86)
5 D Steny Hoyer (81)
6 D Beverly Byron (78)
7 D Kweisi Mfume (86)*
8 R Constance Morella (86)

Massachusetts
1 R Silvio Conte (58)
2 D Richard Neal (D)¹
3 D Joseph Early (74)*
4 D Barney Frank (80)
5 D Chester Atkins (84)¹
6 D Nicholas Mavroules (78)
7 D Edward Markey (76)*
8 D Joseph Kennedy II (86)
9 D John J Moakley (72)¹
10 D Gerry Studds (72)
11 D Brian Donnelly (78)



Joseph Kennedy II: Maintaining the family's political traditions

Michigan
1 Undecided (D)
2 Undecided (R)
3 Undecided (D)
4 R Frederick Upton (86)
5 R Paul Henry (84)
6 Undecided (D)
7 Undecided (D)
8 Undecided (D)
9 R Guy Vander Jagt (66)
10 R William Schuette (84)
11 Undecided (R)
12 Undecided (D)
13 Undecided (D)
14 Undecided (D)
15 D William Ford (64)
16 D John Dingell Jr (55)¹
17 Undecided (D)
18 R William Broomfield (56)

Minnesota
1 D Timothy Penny (82)
2 R Vin Weber (80)
3 R Bill Frenzel (70)
4 D Bruce Vento (76)
5 D Martin Sabo (78)
6 Undecided (D)
7 Undecided (R)
8 D James Oberstar (74)

Mississippi
1 D Jamie Whitten (41)
2 D A Michael Espy (86)
3 D G V Montgomery (66)
4 D Paul M Parker (D)
5 R Larkin Smith (R)

Missouri
1 D William Clay (68)
2 R John Buechner (86)
3 D Richard Gephardt (76)
4 D Ike Skelton (76)
5 D Alan Wheat (82)
6 Undecided (R)
7 Undecided (R)
8 R William Emerson (80)
9 D Harold Volkmer (76)



Richard Gephardt: Back to the House after failure in presidential primaries.

Montana
1 D Patrick Williams (78)
2 Undecided (R)

Nebraska
1 R Douglas Bereuter (78)
2 D Peter Hoagland (R)
3 R Virginia Smith (74)

Nevada
1 D James Bilbray (86)
2 Undecided (R)

New Hampshire
1 R Robert Smith (84)
2 R Charles Douglas III (R)

New Jersey
1 D James Florio (74)
2 D William Hughes (74)
3 D Frank Pallone Jr (D)
4 R Christopher Smith (80)
5 R Margaret Roukema (80)
6 D Bernard Dwyer (80)
7 R Matthew Rinaldo (72)
8 D Robert Roe (69)*
9 D Robert Torricelli (82)
10 D Donald Payne (D)
11 R Dean Gallo (84)
12 R James Courter (78)
13 R H James Saxton (84)
14 D Frank Guarini (78)

New Mexico
1 Undecided (R)
2 R Joseph Skeen (80)*
3 D William Richardson (84)

New York
1 D G J Hochbrueckner (86)
2 D Thomas Downey (74)
3 D Robert Mrazek (82)
4 R Norman Lent (70)
5 R Raymond McGrath (80)
6 D Floyd Flake (86)¹
7 D Gary Ackerman (83)*
8 D James Scheuer (64)*
9 D Thomas Manton (84)¹
10 D Charles Schumer (80)
11 D Edolphus Towns (82)
12 D Major Owens (82)
13 D Stephen Solarz (74)
14 R Guy Molinari (80)
15 R S William Green (78)
16 D Charles Rangel (70)¹
17 D Theodore Weiss (76)
18 D Robert Garcia (78)
19 D Eliot Engel (R)
20 Undecided (R)
21 R Hamilton Fish Jr (68)
22 R Benjamin Gilman (72)

Rhode Island
1 R Ronald Machtley (D)
2 R Claudine Schneider (80)

South Carolina
1 R Arthur Ravenel Jr (86)
2 R Floyd Spence (70)
3 D Butler Derrick Jr (74)
4 D Elizabeth Patterson (86)
5 D John Spratt Jr (82)
6 D Robert Tallon Jr (82)

South Dakota
AL D Timothy Johnson (86)

Tennessee
1 R James Quillen (62)
2 R John Duncan Jr (R)
3 D Marilyn Lloyd (74)
4 D James Cooper (82)*
5 D Robert Clement (88)*
6 D Bartou Gordon (84)
7 R Donald Sundquist (82)
8 D John Tanner (D)
9 D Harold Ford (74)¹

Texas
1 D Jim Chapman (85)
2 D Charles Wilson (72)¹
3 R Steve Bartlett (82)
4 D Ralph Hall (80)
5 D John Bryant (82)
6 R Joe Barton (84)
7 R William Archer Jr (70)
8 R Jack Fields (80)*
9 D Jack Brooks (52)*
10 D J J Pickle (63)¹
11 D James M Leath (78)¹
12 D James C Wright Jr (54)*
13 Undecided (R)
14 D Gregory Laughlin (R)
15 D Eligio de la Garza (64)¹
16 D Ronald Coleman (82)*
17 D Charles Stenholm (78)*
18 D George Leland (78)¹
19 R Larry Combest (84)
20 D Henry Gonzalez (61)
21 R Lamar Smith (86)¹
22 R Thomas DeLay (84)
23 D Albert Bustamante (84)
24 D Martin Frost (78)¹
25 D Michael Andrews (82)
26 R Richard Armey (84)
27 D Solomon Ortiz (82)*

Utah
1 R James Hansen (80)
2 D D Wayne Owens (72)
3 R Howard Nielson (82)

Vermont
AL R Peter Smith (R)

Virginia
1 R Herbert Bateman (82)
2 D Owen Pickett (86)
3 R Thomas Bliley Jr (80)*
4 D Norman Sisisky (82)*
5 D Lewis Payne Jr (88)
6 D James Olin (82)
7 R Daniel Slaughter Jr (84)*
8 R Stanford Parris (72)
9 D Frederick Boucher (82)
10 R Frank Wolf (80)

Washington
1 Undecided (R)
2 D Al Swift (78)*
3 Undecided (D)
4 R Sid Morrison (80)
5 D Thomas Foley (64)
6 D Norman Dicks (76)
7 Undecided (D)
8 Undecided (R)

West Virginia
1 D Alan Mollohan (82)
2 D Harley Staggers Jr (82)*
3 D Robert Wise Jr (82)
4 D Nick Joe Rahall II (76)

Wisconsin
1 D Les Aspin (76)
2 D Robert Kastenmeier (58)
3 R Steven Gunderson (80)
4 D Gerald Kleczka (84)*
5 D James Moody (82)
6 R Thomas Petri (79)
7 D David Obey (69)
8 R Toby Roth (78)
9 R F J Sensenbrenner Jr (78)

Wyoming
AL R Richard Cheney (78)

THE SENATE

	Dem	Rep
Previous total	54	46
Won	19	13
Not voting	35	31
Leading	1	0
New total	55	44
Net Change	+2	-2

ARIZONA
No change — Count: 98%
Dennis DeConcini (76) D 645,746
Keith DeGreen R 470,372

CALIFORNIA
No change — Count: 96%
Pete Wilson (82) R 4,645,761
Leo McCarthy D 3,956,238

CONNECTICUT
Democrat gain — Count: 100%
Joseph Lieberman (R) D 675,880
Lowell Weicker Jr (70) R 670,983

DELAWARE
No change — Count: 97%
William Roth Jr (70) R 140,827
S B Woo D 84,806

FLORIDA
No change — Count: 100%
Kenneth MacKay (D) D 1,947,236
Connie Mack III R 1,942,085

HAWAII
No change — Count: 96%
Spark Matsunaga (76) D 222,317
Maria Hustace R 60,286

INDIANA
No change — Count: 100%
Richard Lugar (76) R 1,409,751
John Wickes Jr D 671,739

MAINE
No change — Count: 92%
George Mitchell (82) D 488,248
Jasper Wyman R 94,612

MARYLAND
No change — Count: 100%
Paul Sarbanes (76) D 947,372
Alan Keyes R 583,218

MASSACHUSETTS
No change — Count: 97%
Edward Kennedy (62) D 1,602,079
Joseph Malone R 843,965

MICHIGAN
No change — Count: 93%
Donald Riegle Jr (76) D 1,927,199
James Dunn Jr R 1,208,470

MINNESOTA
No change — Count: 97%
David Durenberger (78) R 1,131,855
Hubert Humphrey III D 822,788
Polly Mann I 42,908

MISSISSIPPI
No change — Count: 97%
Trent Lott (R) R 475,859
Wayne Dowdy D 424,545

MISSOURI
No change — Count: 98%
John Danforth (76) R 1,376,960
Jeremiah Nixon D 653,404

MONTANA
Republican gain — Count: 98%
Conrad Burns (D) R 183,269
John Melcher (76) D 169,325

NEBRASKA
Democrat gain — Count: 100%
Bob Kerrey (R) D 371,205
David Karnes (77) R 272,031
Ernie Chambers I 10,019

NEVADA
Democrat gain — Count: 98%
Richard Bryan (R) D 175,531
Chic Hecht (82) R 161,326
James Frye I 7,243

NEW JERSEY
No change — Count: 99%
Frank Lautenberg (82) D 1,547,949
Peter Dawkins R 1,295,445

NEW MEXICO
No change — Count: 97%
Jeff Bingaman (82) D 311,975
William Valentine R 181,375

NEW YORK
No change — Count: 100%
Daniel Moynihan (76) D 3,883,858
Robert McMillan R 1,819,468
Others I 63,328

NORTH DAKOTA
No change — Count: 93%
Quentin Burdick (60) D 155,730
Earl Strinden R 101,524

OHIO
No change — Count: 100%
H Metzenbaum (76) D 2,470,883
George Voinovich R 1,867,266

PENNSYLVANIA
No change — Count: 100%
John Heinz (76) R 2,891,838
Joseph Vignola D 1,408,685

RHODE ISLAND
No change — Count: 100%
John Chafee (76) R 288,972
Richard Licht D 174,325

TENNESSEE
No change — Count: 100%
James Sasser (76) D 1,109,720
William Andersen R 535,067

TEXAS
No change — Count: 99%
Lloyd Bentsen Jr (70) D 3,051,128
Beau Boulter R 2,052,274

UTAH
No change — Count: 100%
Orrin Hatch (76) R 427,334
Brian Moss D 202,478

VERMONT
Republican gain — Count: 99%
James Jeffords (D) R 157,735
William Gray D 68,616

VIRGINIA
Democrat gain — Count: 99%
Charles Robb (R) D 1,458,535
Maurice Dawkins R 589,081

WASHINGTON
Republican gain — Count: 100%
Slade Gorton (D) R 840,817
Michael Lowry D 814,873

WEST VIRGINIA
Republican gain — Count: 100%
Jay Wolfe (D) R 418,564
Robert Byrd (58) D 223,026

WISCONSIN
Democrat gain — Count: 100%
Herbert Kohl (R) D 1,127,103
Susan Engeleiter R 1,030,594

WYOMING
No change — Count: 100%
Malcolm Wallop (76) R 90,330
John Vinich D 89,161

THE GOVERNORS

	Dem	Rep
Previous total	27	23
Won	5	7
Not voting	23	15
New total	28	22
Net Change	+1	-1

DELAWARE
No change — Count: 97%
Michael Castle (84) R 158,156
Jacob Kreshtool D 64,312

INDIANA
Democrat gain — Count: 100%
Evan Bayh (R) D 1,124,172
John Mutz R 995,179

MISSOURI
No change — Count: 99%
John Ashcroft (84) R 1,333,210
Betty Hearnes D 722,340

MONTANA
Republican gain — Count: 100%
Stanley Stephens (D) R 189,633
Thomas Judge D 168,540

NEW HAMPSHIRE
No change — Count: 100%
Judd Gregg (R) R 264,669
Paul McEachern D 170,884

NORTH CAROLINA
No change — Count: 100%
James Martin (84) R 1,219,233
Robert Jordan D 954,916

NORTH DAKOTA
No change — Count: 98%
George Sinner (84) D 175,586
Leon Mallberg R 117,367

RHODE ISLAND
No change — Count: 100%
Edward D DiPrete (84) R 195,283
Bruce G Sundlun D 188,984

UTAH
No change — Count: 100%
Norman Bangerter (84) R 259,700
Ted Wilson D 247,251
Other I 136,160

VERMONT
No change — Count: 100%
Madeleine Kunin (84) D 134,577
Michael Bernhardt R 104,897
Richard Gottlieb I 2,800

WASHINGTON
No change — Count: 100%
Booth Gardner (84) D 1,055,467
Bob Williams R 628,006

WEST VIRGINIA
Democrat gain — Count: 100%
Gaston Caperton (R) D 382,629
Arch Moore Jr (68) R 267,943

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US ELECTIONS

THE HEADACHE HANDED TO BUSH BY VOTERS

Democrats vow rough ride in Congress

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President-elect George Bush yesterday moved swiftly to offer an olive branch to the Democratic-controlled Congress, saying he was not in a "Congress-bashing mode" during the campaign, and promising to co-operate with an institution for which he had great respect.

But Democratic leaders, angry at what they consider Mr Bush's distortions and dirty campaign, are in no mood to extend a "honeymoon period" to him.

Senior Democrats in the House of Representatives and the Senate have made it clear that they will not take the initiative in reducing the budget deficit with a tax increase unless he first agrees on the need to do what he so vigorously resisted in the campaign.

The Democrats believe Mr Bush has a weak mandate from the people, and has little popular support for any particular measure as he refused to spell his proposals out during the campaign.

Emboldened by their increased majority in both the House and Senate, they are likely to seek immediate confrontations over the budget and fiscal measures, and will act more as an opposition than they did under Mr Reagan.

Congress will not be as overawed by Mr Bush as it was by the personal popularity of Mr Reagan, nor are legislators worried that the new President will be able to go over their heads with direct appeals to the nation, as Mr Reagan did.

Mr Bush will probably also have a more difficult time working with Mr Jim Wright, the House Democratic Speaker, than Mr Reagan did with his predecessor, Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, for most of his presidency.

Mr Wright is a more ambitious and partisan politician, who has had poor relations with Mr Reagan in the past two years. As a fellow Texan who knows and respects Mr Bush from their time together in the House as Texan representatives, he may appear to take a conciliatory approach to start with.

But he will throw the onus on the White House and strongly oppose Mr Bush when it comes to differences over issues, especially on such matters as military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. Mr Wright does not see his role as "leader of the loyal opposition" as Mr O'Neill did.

The Democrats believe that their congressional gains indicate that the electorate does not want one party to dominate both branches of government, and is a signal that voters would welcome Congress keeping a check on the President — and vice-versa.

They see this therefore as a mandate to push for legislative programmes that may be very different from those Mr Bush wants to pursue. And Democrats will have no inhibitions that in opposing the presidency, they are going against the wishes of the people.

One crucial figure in the relationship is likely to be Senator Lloyd Bentsen, who was defeated in his attempt to become Vice-President on the Dukakis ticket, but was returned overwhelmingly to his Texas Senate seat. Mr Bentsen is the powerful chairman of the Senate finance committee, which will be critical to the implementation of a Bush domestic programme.

But Mr Bentsen's enormous popularity during the campaign has added greatly to his standing and prestige within Congress and beyond. By instinct a moderate conservative, he is likely to seek an accomodation with Mr Bush, a fellow Texan.

Yesterday Mr Bush, recognizing the importance of his relations with Mr Bentsen, went out of his way to praise him. He said the senator had called to congratulate him. "He was most gracious in his call last night, pledging to work together, which is certainly my objective ... I think he means it."

Many member of Congress are waiting to see whether Mr Bush now casts aside the confrontational rhetoric of the campaign and moves to the political centre, which many Republicans believe is where his instincts lie.

This may cause him problems with the conservative right, but will make accomodation easier at a time that all recognize will be extremely difficult as the nation grapples with its deficit and economic problems.



The Vice-President elect, Mr Dan Quayle, applauded by his wife Marilyn and his children as he addresses a triumphant Republican rally in Washington.

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC PRIORITIES

Continuity a hallmark of new regime

By Michael Binyon

Mrs Thatcher and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany will be the first allied leaders to hold talks with the new President-elect next week. Herr Kohl will meet President Reagan and President-elect Bush on Tuesday, and Mrs Thatcher will do so the next day.

Her visit will reinforce the close relationship that has existed between her and President Reagan during the past eight years and will underline the fact that continuity in foreign affairs will be one of the hallmarks of the Bush Administration.

The President-elect has already called, on the campaign trail, for an early summit with President Gorbachov without any conditions, and yesterday the Russians said again they would welcome this. Mr Bush has thus set his priorities in foreign affairs; close consultation with the Nato allies, and a continuation of arms control talks and a deepening of the new relationship with the Soviet Union.

Indeed, Mr Bush may be more energetic than his predecessor in seeking swift agreement on one issue that he has made a personal crusade; the aboliton of chemical and biological weapons.

He has expressed caution, however, on Start talks to cut strategic weapons. But once established in office he will continue the slow, difficult Geneva negotiations. He will press Mr Gorbachov also for early Nato-Warsaw Pact talks on the reduction of conventional forces.

Mr Bush made his experience in foreign affairs a key issue in his campaign rhetoric and will pursue initiatives much more quickly than most new presidents coming into office. But on the broad questions there will be little change.

He will continue progress on a solution to Namibia and Angola, will reinforce US support of a UN-backed settlement of the Gulf War, and will keep up the pressure on the Russians to withdraw fully from Afghanistan.

Central America will be a knotty problem. Mr Bush has promised to continue support for the Nicaraguan Contras, but he does not have Mr Reagan's emotional commitment to them or the political authority to persuade a hostile Democratic Congress to renew military aid. He may instead push quietly for a US disengagement giving renewed support to the peace process of President Arias of Costa Rica.

But the Middle East will demand urgent attention. With the US and Israeli elections over, and increasing signs that the Arabs are bitter but impatient for progress, Mr Bush will come under pressure to take a dramatic new initiative to get the stalled peace process going. He is sure to want top-level bilateral talks with Israeli and Arab leaders soon.

At home, the top priority is the budget deficit. Mr Bush has limited his room for manoeuvre by insisting throughout the campaign that he will not raise taxes. But he is certain to increase revenue by other means, including sharp rises in "user fees" for government services. And he will ask his top political and economic advisers to draw up plans for a "flexible freeze" to hold spending at current levels. All Mr Bush's other campaign promises depend on a solution to the deficit.

He has already outlined a variety of costly new initiatives, ranging from child care, education and a clean-up of the environment to increased spending on health and fighting drugs. But he has not said how he will pay for these, apart from using tax incentives.

His advisers will now draw up proposals for private sector initiatives that do not need government funds, while detailing more fully the costs and methods of implementing these domestic proposals.

The drug problem is especially acute. Mr Bush has said he will put Vice-President-elect Dan Quayle in charge of a task force to co-ordinate his promised new war on drugs.

Defence is another thorny issue. Mr Bush will press ahead with the costly Strategic Defence Initiative, lobbying for full funding and early phased deployment. He has rejected scrapping either the Midgetman or the mobile MX missile. But he knows the US cannot afford both, and that hard choices must soon be made if the Pentagon is to live within a frozen budget.

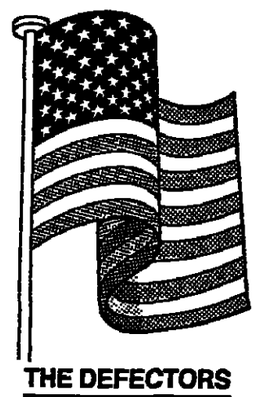
He may have to cut ambitious naval plans and even personnel strengths. And although Mr Bush is committed to keeping US forces in Europe at current levels, he will press the allies, including Japan, hard for greater burden-sharing.

A Bush Administration will probably also take a tougher line toward Japan and the European Community on trade.

He will be under strong congressional pressure to protect jobs lost to foreign competition, and will insist on greater reciprocity in opening foreign markets.

Mr Bush is determined to help the floundering American farmer. He has rejected production controls, saying that foreign markets must be opened to US farmers instead. He has promised to seek a summit of the seven industrialized democracies devoted solely to agriculture.

Similarly, Mr Bush plans a broader international summit at the White House on the environment.



THE DEFECTORS

Political rivals lured by Bush

From Christopher Thomas Houston

Mr John Secondari is a Bush Democrat, a young, white, self-proclaimed moderate who abandoned a lifetime of Democratic allegiance to cast his first vote for a Republican president.

Millions did the same. Large-scale defections of registered Democrats to Vice-President George Bush carried on the tradition of substantial Democratic support for President Reagan.

Ticket-splitting was endemic, with large numbers of Democrats supporting party candidates for Congress and then voting Republican for president. Capturing the "Reagan Democrats" was a critical goal for Mr Bush, and he clearly succeeded.

Initial indications are that not only did he hold on to almost all the registered Democrats who voted for Mr Reagan in 1980 and 1984, but that he may have increased their number.

The Democrats knew that unless they attracted the defectors back — and captured a substantial share of independent voters — they stood little chance of victory.

Mr Secondari, aged 38, a self-employed expert in international trade, said at his Washington home he had been a registered Democrat all his voting life. He intended to remain a Democrat "at this point".

He added: "To use Dukakis's own word, it was a question of competence. We need a person who has risen through the ranks, knows the system, who is not necessarily glamorous but who understands the way Washington works. He knows Congress. He has international experience."

Nobody knows exactly how many Reagan Democrats there were in 1984. The Republican Party maintains a computerized list of those it can trace, and draws deep satisfaction from what appears to be an increasing trend.

Exit polls taken in 1984 disagreed sharply on the number of Reagan Democrats. NBC News results indicated that Mr Reagan won 17 per cent of the Democratic vote. ABC News and CBS News put the figure at 24 and 26 per cent.

A *USA Today*-CNN poll estimated that this year as many as 18 per cent of Democrats would vote for Mr Bush, confirming suspicions that Bush Democrats may be an even larger force than Reagan Democrats.

The defection of Democrats in 1980 and 1984 was due mainly to dislike of the candidates. Republican insiders say the single most damaging blow to Mr Dukakis's bid to attract Reagan Democrats was his failure to shed the liberal label.

SHIFT IN THE SOUTH

Bastion of support crumbles

By Christopher Thomas

Vice-President George Bush's near sweep of the South has put the seal on one of the most decisive trends in American presidential politics — the Democrats' loss of their most solid, historic bastion.

Black and Hispanic turnout appears to have been dismal, as usual, despite an energetic campaign in the South by the Rev Jesse Jackson.

In another respect, his impact was considerable: he scared away conservative white Democrats to the Republican camp. One of the most important rumours to have influenced that trend was that he was to become Secretary of State in a Dukakis administration.

Exit polls demonstrated that white men voted three to one for Mr Bush. A *Los Angeles Times* poll showed the Vice-President capturing 16 per cent of the black vote, a surprisingly good performance.

Alabama, overwhelmingly Democratic a generation ago, was one of the most solid Republican states.

Arkansas turned back a heavy Democratic challenge and went for Mr Bush. In Florida, Hispanic voters who gave the governor one of his two Southern primary victories last March failed to swing the state his way.

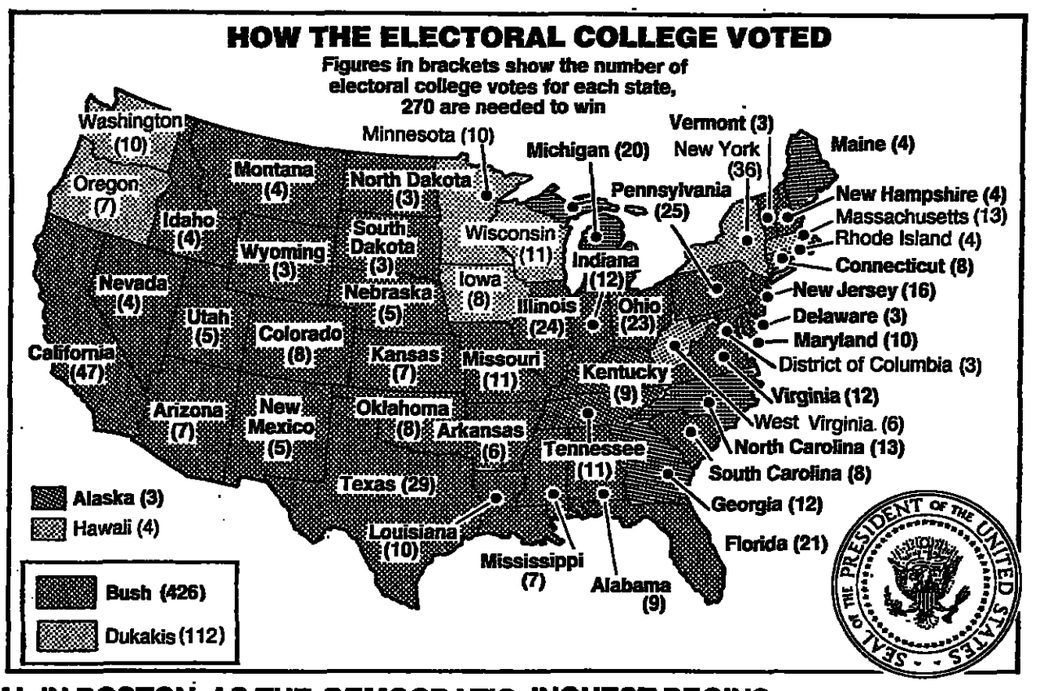
Mr Dukakis also lost in Georgia, one of his main Southern hopes. It was the last Dixie state he visited before concentrating on the Midwest and West Coast.

He also made a big effort in Kentucky, but the Southern border state went solidly for Mr Bush. So did Louisiana.

The Republicans took Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina, Tennessee and Oklahoma. The sweetest Republican victory was in Texas, which the Democrats have always won when they captured the White House.

The deck is now firmly stacked against the Democrats in the South. The Joint Centre for Political Studies, a group specializing in studying the black electorate, said in a pre-election poll that 72 per cent of blacks supported Mr Dukakis, a 17-point decline in Democratic support since 1984.

One reason for dwindling black support for Mr Dukakis was resentment over his failure either to select Mr Jackson as his running mate or to consult him on the eventual choice. One pollfound that 42 per cent of blacks thought the preacher was treated unfairly.



BUSINESS AS USUAL IN BOSTON AS THE DEMOCRATIC INQUEST BEGINS

Dukakis turns to office chores

From Charles Bremner Boston

They were packing up the TV cameras and the secret service were cutting back their guard contingent when Mr Michael Dukakis strode up the steps on Beacon Hill for another day at the governor's office.

On the agenda this week: unravelling a state budget crisis and deciding whether to buy a new Chevrolet for the Lieutenant-Governor because her old one has broken down too often. The Governor also suffered a $10,000 pay cut, for budget reasons.

Other men might have retreated to heal the wounds of defeat, but Mr Dukakis prides himself on his stoicism — the quality that was seen by many as a fateful lack of passion.

So, within hours of his concession before several thousand tearful supporters, Mr Dukakis was back at his desk in the Little State House grappling with a mountain of fiscal troubles that had piled up during his absence.

He took time off, though, to thank the army of young volunteers and paid staff who had hitched their own fortunes to the Governor's wagon nearly two years ago.

In Chauncy Street, the cramped campaign headquarters, they were paying tearful farewells, packing up the computers and furniture and getting used to the idea that they were not heading for that glittering job in Washington.



Mr Dukakis: May be setting sights on the race in 1992.

Mr Dukakis was also to appear at a press conference with Senator Lloyd Bentsen, his Texan running mate.

The Governor, who has two years left in office, allowed himself only a little emotion when he took the candidate's stage for the last time on Tuesday night in a haze of fatigue after a mad, sleepless, 48-hour dash around the country.

The suffering was much more visible on the face of his wife, Kitty. "And I said there'd be not-so-good days and we had those too." Mr Bush had won and he would be the President of all America, the ex-candidate said.

Mr Dukakis appealed to his followers to keep up their "fight" for Democratic values and ended: "Our hearts are full. We love you all and we love this country." Yet, true to his cerebral bent, the governor spent five minutes enumerating the policies he believed the young should fight for.

The candidate and his staff were telling everyone they believed they could have made it with just a couple more weeks. "I just wish we had a little more time," said Mr John Sasso, his chief strategist. "We made up a lot of ground in the last two or three weeks."

There is a growing feeling in Boston that Mr Dukakis may try again for the nomination in 1992. Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, the highly respected former Speaker of the House, said yesterday he believed the governor's remarks about fighting on were aimed in that direction.

"He would be a hard factor for the Democrats to stop," he said.

But there is no question that there would be little support for a second Dukakis run among mainstream party elders. At home, Mr Dukakis is expected to run for re-election for a fourth governor's term in 1990. He could take heart from his strong endorsement by the people of Massachusetts on Tuesday.

He won the state by nine points in a record turnout. Election in your own state is not a foregone conclusion, as several recent contenders have found.

Mr George McGovern lost his in 1972, and in 1984, Mr Walter Mondale only scraped through in his home state of Minnesota.

The Dukakis mandate from Massachusetts is expected to calm the ambitions of three or four local Democrats who had started making advances towards the governor's seat.

But in his long absences on the campaign trail, Mr Dukakis has stirred up a hornets nest of grievances among fellow Democrats who felt the state's business was being held hostage to his presidential aspirations.

Mainly, Mr Dukakis is held to have allowed the state budget to fall into chaos through neglect.

On Beacon Hill, many once-loyal legislators are expected to go their own way now that Mr Dukakis has been pushed off the presidential stage.

Knives out among the losers

By Charles Bremner

When the Democrats order a firing squad, they form a circle. The old joke proved true again yesterday as the party got down to its all-too-familiar task of eating its own.

After all, they have had lot of practice lately. The Democrats have now been defeated in five out of the last six elections and the one victory — Mr Jimmy Carter's in 1976 — was the special case that proved the rule. Watergate and his Southern roots overcame his Democratic handicap.

While the country seems happy with local Democrats as politicians — the Congressional victory proves it — there is something in America that does not love a Democrat in the White House.

The whiff of death had hung in the air for weeks, but a little decorum had prevailed while Mr Michael Dukakis played out the end-game of a campaign that everyone agrees was doomed to failure.

Yesterday, as party chiefs called an inquest summit for next week, and the Rev Jesse Jackson effectively launched his run for the 1992 candidacy, the knives were out.

Mr Paul Kirk, the chairman of the party, concluded on television that the party was not the problem. "We are more united and together than ever." The trouble, he said in fairly undiplomatic language, was Mr Michael Dukakis. "We were left in the corner of the ring for a few rounds in this campaign," he said, in a lament to the Governor's failure to defend himself against the Bush onslaught.

In private, Mr Kirk is sounding off more forcefully. His top priority, it seems, is to stop Mr Dukakis from trying to make a second attempt in 1992. The last thing the party needs is another unpassionate, ineloquent, uninteresting candidate for President after Mr George McGovern, Mr Jimmy Carter, Mr Walter Mondale and Mr Dukakis.

The ingredients of Mr Dukakis's failure were evident for all to see. Like his Greek heroes, they all stemmed from the flaws in his character — stubbornness, pride and rigidity. The cerebral Governor rejected advice from veterans, and ran a dictatorial, provincial campaign surrounded by inexperienced staff.

He appealed to reason yet offered no clear message while the Bush team worked the national psyche with every emotion-grabbing gambit in the electronic armoury. By the time the governor got "down and dirty" it was too late.

But the Dukakis failure was probably inseparable from the ills plaguing the party as it has lurched leftwards during the past two decades to become identified as the home of intellectuals, the dispossessed, the black, the elderly and sundry social flotsam. At the same time, the white South has abandoned its old ties and moved to the party of its old oppressor Abraham Lincoln, as Mr Reagan's and now Mr Bush's sweep of the region has shown. As a former Johnson adviser put it this week: "The white man's view is that the Democrats have cast their lot with black Americans, to the ultimate disadvantage of the whites."

For Senator-elect Chuck Robb, a rising star who represents the moderate Southern wing, Mr Dukakis personified the party's estrangement from the heartbeat of mainstream America. "There is just a lack of confidence about whether the Democratic Party is committed to the basic values of freedom and defence," he said yesterday.

A young former Marine who married President Johnson's daughter, Mr Robb has made a name as a glamorous figure and strong presidential material while serving as Governor of Virginia. Mr Robb or Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia are just the kind of Southerners that many think must be picked next time for there to be any chance of a Democratic victory.

Criticism from the other side of the creaking Democratic coalition came yesterday, inevitably, from Mr Jackson. His view was just about the reverse of Messrs Robb and Kirk: Mr Dukakis was out of touch with the values of the poor and the dispossessed, he said. He should have proclaimed his liberal credentials far earlier.

The black preacher personifies everything that frightens the white moderate wing. As the strongest figure in the Democrat spectrum, Mr Jackson is likely to dominate the headlines for the next two years. Last Sunday, while Mr Dukakis had still two days to run, the Chicago preacher announced the start of his campaign "as of November 9".

More cynical operatives among the Democrats are suggesting they would have done better to purge the Jackson factor from the system by encouraging his candidacy in 1988 and then capitalizing with a new white candidate in 1992 after Mr Bush had been given four years to succumb to the economic mess bequeathed by the Reagan Administration.

Sri Lankan election crisis

Colombo orders troops to shoot protesters on sight

From Edward Gorman and Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

In a desperate attempt to maintain law and order in the run-up to next month's presidential elections, the Sri Lankan Government yesterday said that demonstrators trying to disrupt today's nominations for the elections would be shot on sight.

The announcement came as thousands of tourists, forced to cancel holidays after the Government said that it could no longer guarantee their safety, flew home in planes specially laid on by tour operators.

The British High Commission here said that there were few Britons among an estimated 10,000 tourists currently on the island, but added that it would be advising prospective holidaymakers to postpone visits indefinitely.

A spokesman said that it was "no longer possible to have a proper holiday in Sri Lanka".

In the main political development, in response to the deepening crisis, the leader of the opposition, Mr Anura Bandaranaike staged a walk-out in Parliament, saying that that he and nine other MPs will not return until President Jayewardene announced firm dates for both the dissolution of Parliament and the holding of general elections.

The country, meanwhile, was in chaos as a strike called by the Marxist-inspired Sinhalese extremist group, the People's Liberation Front, entered its third day with most government departments, banks, transport, postal and telecommunications services crippled by the action.

Nationwide nightly curfews are in force and schools and universities have been shut for weeks.

Food prices have more than tripled in some areas, and in Colombo yesterday there were long queues at petrol stations after a Front-sponsored walk-out by workers at the state-owned Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, which has forced army units to take on the distribution of emergency supplies.



Mr Jayewardene: Challenge to Marxist extremists.

The Front, thought to consist of an armed hard core of no more than 2,000 people, is demanding the resignation of the President, the scrapping of the July 1987 Indo-Sri Lankan peace accord which has led to the presence of more than 50,000 Indian troops in the north and east of the island, and the immediate holding of parliamentary elections.

In a bid to try to force workers not to obey strike calls by the movement, the Government extended a list of essential services yesterday. The list now includes Colombo port, the Petroleum Corporation, the state-owned bus service and all government departments.

Employees of these organizations who fail to turn up to work, now face summary dismissal.

Announcing the shoot-on-sight decree, a government statement said: "There are attempts being made by subversive groups to disrupt nomination day for presidential elections, demonstrators will be shot on sight under emergency regulations."

It urged people to "rise against these groups, arrest them and hand them over to the police".

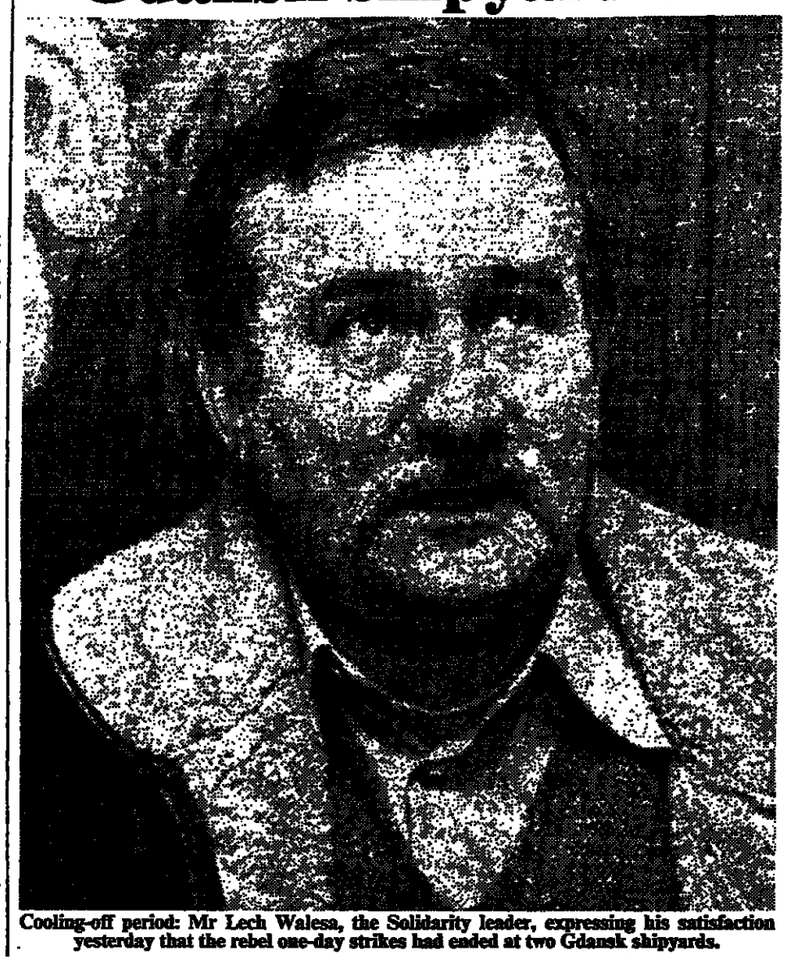
The receipt of nominations today will confirm the candidacy of the Prime Minister, Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, at the head of the United National Party, and the opposition leader, Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike, leading the Sri Lankan Freedom Party, and a coalition of six smaller parties.

A third candidate, Mr Ossie Abeygunaekera of the Socialist Sri Lanka People's Party, will also be confirmed, but is not expected to attract much support in the elections.

The Front responded to the Government's statement by calling a national *hartal*, or strike, for today.

"The *hartal* is successful not because the workers believe in the JVP (Front) cause but because of threats that they will be killed if they do not join in," the Minister of National Security and Trade, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali said in an interview.

Gdansk shipyard strikes end



Cooling-off period: Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, expressing his satisfaction yesterday that the rebel one-day strikes had ended at two Gdansk shipyards.

Gdansk (Reuter) – Strike attempts by radical young workers at two Gdansk shipyards collapsed yesterday and Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity trade union, said he would wait until next Spring to launch a new offensive against Poland's Communist rulers.

A total of about 100 youths straggled out of the Wisla shipyard and a repair yard only 24 hours after they launched defiant strike attempts on Tuesday when Mr Walesa backed off from calling nationwide anti-government strikes.

"Carrying on would have been like fighting tanks," the strike leader, Mr Wojciech Buczynski, said as he led a band of 70 disappointed strikers from the repair yard, the last of 500 young workers who started the protest on Tuesday.

"We counted on others joining us but no one did," an 18-year-old worker said pulling down Solidarity flags from the yard gate and rolling them up.

Earlier, about 30 workers emerged from the Wisla yard after picketing the gates in an overnight protest. They were demanding the legalization of Solidarity and the cancellation of a government decision to close the Lenin Shipyard, the cradle of Solidarity and a big symbol of opposition to Communist rule.

Mr Walesa told a news coference after the protests collapsed that Solidarity would fight the Lenin yard's closure.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Thatcher offers grant to Senegal

Mrs Thatcher yesterday offered the visiting Senegalese leader, President Abdou Diouf, a £2 million grant to support the West African country's economic reform programme (Nicholas Beeston writes).

In an hour-long meeting before a lunch in his honour at Downing Street, the Prime Minister praised the former French colony's adherence to its International Monetary Fund austerity measures. A Downing Street spokesman said the talks were held in a "friendly" atmosphere and that the two leaders also discussed southern Africa.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, later paid a courtesy call on President Diouf who is on a state visit as a guest of the Queen.

The latest British offer of economic assistance to Senegal is in addition to a £6 million development grant from the Overseas Development Administration over the past three years for a village water supply project. Britain also funds a British teaching centre in the capital Dakar.

Army chief dismissed

Beirut (Reuter) – Lebanon's Muslim defence chief yesterday dismissed the Army's Christian commander, General Michel Aoun, who heads one of two competing Cabinets.

The Defence Minister, Mr Adel Osseiran, who made the announcement, is Defence Minister in a Syrian-backed and mainly Muslim Cabinet headed by the acting Prime Minister, Mr Selim Hoss. General Aoun heads a rival Christian administration appointed by President Amin Gemayel minutes before his presidential term expired in September without a successor being named.

Lynch mob in Male

Male (Reuter) – The alleged leader of the abortive plot to topple the Maldives Government was led handcuffed through Male at the end of a rope yesterday as angry islanders shouted for revenge. "Give him to us," yelled a crowd of several hundred as Mr Abdulla Luthfee, aged 38, was led ashore. "We want to kill him." Many spectators held placards demanding the execution of Mr Luthfee and a second Maldivian, Mr Sagar Nasir, who was also paraded through the streets of Male yesterday.

Armenian protest

Moscow (Reuter) – Tens of thousands of Soviet Armenians held a national protest over what they regard as lost territory at Monday's Bolshevik revolution anniversary parade in Yerevan, witnesses said yesterday.

Foreigners who were in Yerevan for the anniversary said the protesters had blocked Lenin Square in the centre of the city for well over three hours chanting their demands. The foreign tourists added that although there was a large police presence in the city there was no attempt to break up the demonstration.

Hirohito still very ill

Tokyo – Emperor Hirohito of Japan remained in serious condition last night, but his blood pressure, pulse and fever had all improved from the previous night, when doctors were describing his position as grave (Joe Joseph writes). In spite of the latest in a string of dramatic recoveries since he fell ill on September 19, court physicians at Tokyo's Imperial Palace say the monarch, aged 87, is still in critical health. The Emperor has received almost five gallons in blood transfusions in an effort to offset steady internal bleeding resulting from his pancreatic cancer.

Patten's horror at plight of refugees

By Anne McElvoy

Mr Christopher Patten, the Minister for Overseas Development, flew back last night from a visit to Ethiopian refugee camps saying the situation was "one of the most appalling human tragedies afflicting the world for many, many years".

He said that Britain and other European countries must help to find political solutions to the wars which have led 800,000 Sudanese and Somalis to flee to Ethopia and he promised that British aid to refugees in Ethiopia would be stepped up.

Mr Patten said that the road to the Ethiopian border had turned into a graveyard littered with corpses. For every refugee that reached Ethiopia, another had died on the way. The route has become "a journey through hell".

Many hundreds of thousands of Sudanese remain stranded in the besieged south. A Norwegian aid agency said yesterday the rebel-held town of Kapoeta had been bombed by Sudanese Air Force jets and the Army said it had killed 200 rebels close to the town of Nasir near the Ethiopian border.

Sudan is now in the middle of its second civil war in three decades. The imposition of Islamic law in 1983 sharpened the ancient enmity between Arab north and Dinka south and the war began anew. The ensuing stalemate has led to unprecedented devastation and famine. Southern Sudan is now home to the dying. An end to the war is essential if Sudan is to survive.

Oxfam's Mr John McGrath said that increased aid alone was not enough and that Ethiopia's refugee problem must be tackled at its source in Sudan. "Any political initiative that Mr Patten can foster to encourage a ceasefire and bring an end to the use of food as a weapon in the war will be of unbelievable value to the starving people of Sudan," he said.

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The EEC's internal market

Progress pleases Cockfield but problem areas remain

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

Lord Cockfield, the European Commissioner responsible for the internal market, said yesterday that, despite some persistent difficulties, the EEC was now well on target for the completion of the European internal market by 1992.

Announcing the adoption of the Commission's long-awaited mid-term review of the internal market programme, the Commissioner said that there was "considerable cause for satisfaction in what has been achieved in the 3½ years since the White Paper was published".

On a more alarmist note, the report says that progress has been concentrated in the field of removing technical barriers to trade, leaving the abolition of physical and fiscal barriers distinctly "less healthy".

The report will be presented to the EEC summit meeting in Rhodes in December, where member states will be under intense pressure to compromise on those issues currently locked in stalemate — principally fiscal approximation, the free movement of people, and plant and animal controls.

The mid-term review will be accompanied by a subsidiary report outlining progress in the more controversial areas of monetary and social policy, as well as regional development, research and technology and environmental issues.

Lord Cockfield said that both reports were necessary in order to reinforce the general impression that the internal market had become "the key that opens the door to Europe's future".

The reports would also remind member states of the wider policy issues underlining the movement towards economic integration still awaiting resolution.

The White Paper's original 300 legislative proposals have now been reduced to 279, 90 per cent of which the Commission expects to have put in front of the Council of Ministers by the end of the year, thereby giving a detailed picture of what the Community should look like on January 1, 1993.

But while the Commission has managed to adhere to its timetable, the performance by the Council of Ministers has been less impressive, the Commission said.

To date, the Council has adopted or agreed to about 40 per cent of the Commission's proposals — 107 out of 279.

The report notes that the service sector, hitherto the Cinderella of the internal market, has made remarkable progress during the past year, while all the measures required for the liberalization of capital movements have also been adopted.

Real progress has been achieved in a variety of other areas, including measures to open up the Community's vast public procurement sector to cross-border competition, the creation of an internal market for air and road transport, and the freedom of professionals to practise anywhere in the EEC.

But on the critical issue of fiscal approximation which the Commission maintains is central to the successful functioning of the internal market, member states — particularly Britain — remain deeply opposed to the Commission's proposals.

Lord Cockfield is currently engaged in a series of sensitive bilateral discussions with the economic and finance ministers of the Twelve, in the hope of hammering out some compromise before the new Commission is in place at the beginning of next year. The Commission points out that all member states except Britain have accepted in principle the necessity for some form of fiscal co-ordination by Brussels, and is confident that Downing Street will eventually be forced to concede the point.

But the Commissioner betrayed some pessimism over the failure of the Council to register greater progress on the draft directives calling for the abolition of frontier control procedures, despite growing evidence that national controls are largely ineffective in preventing the free movement of terrorists, drug traffickers and illegal immigrants.

Lord Cockfield reminded member states that the Commission has never said that frontier zones should be "no go" zones for the enforcement agencies.

"If evidence or reasonable suspicion exists, of course an individual can be stopped or apprehended," the Commissioner said.

"But what must go is the routine, mindless interference with the great mass of ordinary innocent travellers going about their legitimate business."

US Navy saves boat people



An American naval officer carrying a Vietnamese refugee ashore at Pattaya, Thailand, yesterday after the USS Texas picked up 27 boat people in the Gulf of Thailand.

Battle to form Israeli coalition

Labour and Likud leaders vie for the support of six ultra-Orthodox MPs

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The making or breaking of the next Israeli coalition government appears to be increasingly in the hands of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party, six members of which were elected to the Knesset last week by the strongly motivated Oriental Jewish community.

Although a non-Zionist group, which stood for the first time only in 1984, it has quickly learned to exploit Israel's democratic system, and its leadership is showing great skill in taking advantage of its pivotal position.

The spiritual inspiration of the party is the former chief Sephardic Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who is a mentor and chief adviser of Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, the Shas leader. In the week since the election Shas has been vigorously courted by both Left and Right. On Monday Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, headed a party delegation to see Rabbi Josef. Two days later Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister and Likud leader, had a long session with Rabbi Peretz in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Peretz will report on his negotiations with both sides to the Council of Tora Sages, which takes party decisions. Despite a slight preference among them for Labour, the majority of those who voted for Shas would prefer a coalition led by Likud and this is likely to weigh more heavily with them than their personal views.

If Shas adds its six seats to the 55 Labour can already count on, this would give the Left a blocking majority in the 120-seat Knesset. If it gives its support to Likud this will give the Right enough votes to form a government. Rabbi Peretz is ready to make the most of either choice. A relative newcomer to politics, he has taken to life in the Knesset with great verve.

He was born in Casablanca 50 years ago, and brought to Israel by his family when he was 12. He was given a strong religious education at a Jerusalem Bible school and later trained as a rabbi. He served for 20 years in the town of Raana, also becoming an expert in religious law.

It was in answer to the apparent need for the party to represent the poorer religious Jews from Oriental countries that he first decided to stand for the Knesset. To the amazement and concern of the established parties, the party won four seats. He reluctantly took the Interior Ministry, then found to his delight that it gave him great power to protect the religious Jewish way of life which he believes is under attack.

Rabbi Peretz's biggest battle was against allowing people converted to Judaism by non-Orthodox rabbis to be classified as Jews, arguing that this diluted the faith. He resigned as Interior Minister rather than obey a High Court ruling to register a converted Jewess.

Within four months he was back in the Cabinet, having used his party's power to jeopardize the coalition unless he were reinstated.

Though Rabbi Peretz believes in tough action against Arab rioters, he reasons that pragmatism is more important than territory in negotiations for peace.

His views are dovish compared to those of Mr Avner Shaki, the new right-wing leader of the National Religious Party, which won five seats in the election.

Unlike Rabbi Peretz, Mr Shaki does not sport a full Orthodox beard or wear the traditional black hat. Unlike him, too, he has a strong voice and tough views, believing that young Arab activists should be arrested and thatpetrol-bombers should be shot dead. The occupied territories, he says, must be retained and settled.

His family came here five generations ago from Turkey. He was born into a very religious household in the holy city of Safad.

Mr Shaki became involved in party politics as a student, campaigning for better grants and against the discrimination of the Sephardis. For four years from 1969 he was deputy Education Minister in a Labour-led coalition, and now wants the education portfolio above all others because he is worried that Israel is becoming more and more secular.

Retired Major-General Rehavàn Zeevi, the former commander of the Army in the West Bank, produced a big surprise by winning two seats with his brand-new Moledet (Homeland) party, campaigning for the transfer from the occupied territories of all Arabs.

A military hero during Israel's 1948 war of independence, he served as a scout in the élite Palmach unit and went on to command in the field with considerable bravery.

In 1967, when he was aged just 40, he was promoted to general along with the young Ariel Sharon.

In the West Bank, he was behind the strategy which sealed the defences against Jordan. He supports the death penalty, the deportation of activists and the demolition of their houses, and he drew up a master plan for settlements. He retired from the Army in 1973.

He is now demanding a referendum on the transfer of Arabs as the price of entering a coalition.

Jerusalem — As the Palestinian uprising entered its twelfth month yesterday, a woman settler, aged 54, from Alfei Menashe, 15 miles north-east of Tel Aviv, was seriously ill in hospital after being hit on the head by a stone that smashed into her car. She was travelling with her husband just outside the West Bank when the incident happend (Ian Murray writes).

Tempers on both sides of the "Green Line" between Israel and the West Bank are high after the destruction on Monday of 15 houses in the town of Taibe near where the stoning incident occurred. Arab leaders are considering calling a strike in protest at what they say has been "barbaric police behaviour".



Mr Shaki: Advocates tough line against Arab unrest.



Rabbi Peretz: Thinks Jewish way of life is threatened.

Jews jeer Kohl's pogrom speech

From John England, Bonn

Young Jews in a Frankfurt synagogue yesterday booed and shouted at Chancellor Helmut Kohl during a memorial ceremony marking the *fiftieth anniversary of the* Nazi *Kristallnacht* pogrom.

Herr Kohl gave a speech in which he described the night of November 9-10, 1938 — which saw the burning of more than 100 synagogues, the plundering of Jewish homes and businesses and murders of many Jewish people — as the signal for a "resolute, systematic and merciless" persecution of the Jews.

The silence of the majority of the population over the action was a cause for deep shame, he added. But several young Jews interrupted his speech with boos and shouts including: "All lies" and: "What about Bitburg?" — a reference to Herr Kohl's much-criticized trip with President Reagan in May, 1985, to lay a wreath at a West German war cemetery where a number of former Waffen SS men are buried.

Ahead of the ceremony in Frankfurt's Westend synagogue, young Jews said the Bitburg visit had opened old wounds and shown that Herr Kohl suffered from a poor awareness of history. The Chancellor has also been criticized by other Jews for "shrugging off" German responsibility for the genocide of the Jews.

The ceremony, also attended by President Richard von Weizsäcker and Herr Heinz Galinski, the chairman of the Central Council of the Jews in West Germany, among about 2,000 prominent guests, was West Germany's central commemoration of the pogrom. Many hundreds of others were held throughout the country, including one at the site of the former Dachau *concentration camp.*

In Munich, Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, chairman of the Social Democratic Party, warned West Germans against anti-Jewish type hostility towards foreigners, asylum-seekers and ethnic German resettlers from the East who are now overflowing reception camps.

Solemn ceremonies also continued in East Germany, and in East Berlin government leaders joined the Jewish community in a memorial service at which Herr Galinski said both Germanies should observe November 9 as a joint day of reflection.

Herr Kohl's speech also welcomed the East German Government's recent decision to "recognize the responsibility of all Germans" and make its first compensation payments to Jewish victims of the Nazis. That responsibility included solidarity with the freedom and security of Israel.

East Berlin (Reuter) — Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi's Minister for Propaganda, justified the *Kristallnacht* pogrom in a subsequent interview with Reuter as a step toward removing an "infection" contaminating Germany. He added that more measures were planned.

"The *events* of the last few days in Berlin are nothing but symptoms of an infection which has sought to creep into *the body of the German people* ... We Germans have come to grips with the symptoms of this infection," Goebbels said.

Survivor sees two killed by sharks

Sydney — An Australian fisherman said yesterday he had to watch helplessly as a pack of sharks attacked and ate his father and schoolboy brother after their trawler capsized in stormy seas 15 miles off Queensland (Christopher Morris writes).

Mr James Coucom, aged 33, managed to climb on to a dinghy to escape the sharks, only to watch his relatives being attacked. He then spent two days adrift and surrounded by sharks before being spotted by a rescue helicopter.

Paternity test for Karajan

Salzburg (Reuter) — Herbert von Karajan, aged 80, the conductor, was ordered to take a blood test in a paternity suit filed by a woman he is alleged to have made pregnant 44 years ago. He denies fathering the child.

Faroes poll

Copenhagen — The opposition *Conservative Party emerged* the clear winner of parliamentary elections on the Faroe Islands, Denmark's *remote* North Atlantic archipelago province.

Asylum plea

Canberra (Reuter) — Three Burmese diplomats applied for political asylum in Australia on the ground that they *faced possible execution if* they returned home.

Seoul clashes

Seoul (AP) — Students calling for the arrest of former President Chun Doo Hwan for alleged corruption hurled firebombs and rocks at riot police in scattered clashes.

Spy memoirs

Moscow (AFP) — A Russian-language edition of the memoirs of the Soviet anti-Nazi spy Leopold Trepper, jailed here for 10 years after the Second World War, will be published next year. He worked with the underground Red Orchestra group.

Mosque raid

Dhaka (AFP) — At least eight people were killed and 50 others wounded when a soldier starting firing indiscriminately in a mosque at Jessore, 85 miles from the Bangladeshi capital. The soldier then killed himself.

Typhoon toll

Manila (AFP) — Typhoon Skip left 68 people dead, 95 *others missing and more than* a million people homeless in the Philippines, officials said.

Rebels killed

Lusaka (AP) — Zambian troops killed 33 guerrillas inside Mozambique after raids on Zambian villages.

Mine flood

Johannesburg (Reuter) — Seven miners were feared drowned in a flood at a Namibian copper mine.

Gold-top milk

Goteborg (AP) — Two Swedish carpet fitters found 24 milk *cartons filled with jewellery* worth £100,000 in the home of a dead goldsmith, who apparently had sought to avoid *paying tax on it.*

Pretoria mortgages gold stocks to counter sanctions

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's gold and foreign exchange reserves declined for the sixth successive month in October, falling by 477 million rands (£111 million) to 4,600 million rands, barely enough to cover the cost of six weeks of imports.

The slump in the reserves, which are now 41 per cent below the level they reached at the end of last year, was caused mainly by huge sales of gold stocks to build up holdings of foreign currency needed to repay foreign debt. According to figures released by the South African Reserve Bank, more than 790,000 ounces of gold were sold in one month, reducing the Bank's gold holdings by the end of October to a record low of 3.26 million ounces.

Speaking at a conference in Cape Town earlier this week, Dr Chris Stals, the Director-General of Finance, said international pressure had forced South Africa into becoming a net exporter of capital at a time when the country could least afford it. He estimated the net outflow of capital over the past three years at about Rands 20,000 million.

Dr Stals said it was difficult to quantify the effect of trade sanctions and corporate disinvestment. Although disinvestment had not caused any direct outflow of capital, funds which might have been used for new investment had been used to buy out foreign undertakings.

Since August 1985, when foreign banks, led by the Americans, refused to roll over the repayment of short-term debt, Pretoria has been deprived of new bank credit.

Under an agreement signed in March 1987 with its leading creditor banks, Pretoria is pledged to repay by June, 1990, some $1.4 billion (£823 million) of the $14billion of debt it unilaterally declared to be "frozen" after foreign banks called in loans.

Between 1990-91, it is estimated that a further $2 billion will be due for repayment on debts falling outside the 1987 re-scheduling agreement. Total foreign debt is $21 billion.

Historically, South Africa has been dependent on foreign capital to finance domestic investment and current account deficits, the surplus of imports over exports.

With foreign capital no longer coming in, South Africa is obliged to run a trade surplus large enough to meet the costs of servicing its debts or dip continually into its foreign reserves.

Maintaining such a trade surplus, however, appears to be incompatible with economic growth of more than 3 per cent. Any attempt to stimulate growth above that level sucks in imports.

That, in turn, stifles South Africa's ability to create enough jobs for a black population growing at 3 per cent a year and to begin reducing a black unemployment rate already running at an estimated 35 per cent. To meet those objectives, it is estimated that the economy would need to grow by 5 per cent annually.

A credit-fuelled consumer boom produced a 2.6 per cent spurt in growth in 1987, after four years in which the economy had not grown on average by more than 0.5 per cent.

But imports rose, and in the first quarter of this year the current account recorded a dramatic turn-around, slumping to an annual deficit of 410 million rands, compared with a surplus in 1987 of 6,152 million rands.

Peking asserts its authority when the disco music stops

From Catherine Sampson
Chengdu

Most of China goes to sleep by 9.30 pm, and nightlife is literally a foreign concept. But not so in Chengdu, where the Tianqiao disco dance-floor is packed with young people until late. Yet discos are a controversial issue in China, and have been opened and closed with changes in the political climate.

At first sight, the Tianqiao would pass for any British nightclub, with its dimmed lighting, bar, band and young people dressed and dancing with casual style. But when the music stops, the voice of authority booms over the loudspeaker reminding dancers of the rules, which include bans on mini-skirts and cheek-to-cheek dancing. Mini-skirts are the preferred attire of the local prostitutes, two of whom are there to drum up business for a new dance hall opening the following week.

One teenage girl presents a bouquet to the singer as he reaches the end of a Taiwanese hit. He sports a baggy overcoat and long hair. Cultural conservatives have warned

Disco dancing is enjoying a period of official encouragement

of the corrosive effects of bourgeois music and degenerate dancing. They view discos with great distrust as one of the more regrettable side-effects of opening up to the West. In general, foreigners are kept well away from such gatherings in case they should spur the Chinese to further excesses.

An architect, aged 29 and wearing a checked jacket, comes here once or twice a week with a small group of friends. It costs him five yuan (85p) to get in, but some work units hand out disco tickets to their staff as a Western company might provide health club membership.

Disco dancing is enjoying a period of official encouragement as an innocent keep-fit exercise. Pensioners are urged to boogy but there are none to be seen at the Tianqiao.

The architect thinks nothing of asking women he does not know to dance. Until recently, Chinese young people would only dance with people of the same sex.

The Tianqiao, Chengdu's biggest disco, opened in September. It is set at the top of a seven-storey building devoted to entertainment including a gym, pool, exhibition hall and two cafés. Police are constantly present, as they are at the Jinjiang Hotel disco, where one admits: "We are here to stop people killing each other."

Elsewhere, in the underground maze which is the notorious and

Police say they are there to stop people killing each other

cavernous Black Coffee cafe and disco, the police have opened an office to try to bring prostitution and fights under control.

Restaurants line the city streets and stay open 24 hours a day. The police have put up a list of rules on the wall: No knives, no fighting, no drunkenness. On a menu of uncooked cow stomach, oesophagus, black fungus, blood pudding and brains, all dipped in a chilli sauce which strips the lining from your mouth as you eat, Chengdu traders come to the Daqiao restaurant to talk business.

Mr Chen Jianhua, the manager of the Daqiao, was assigned to a car factory job which used none of his skills, so he spends all his time at the restaurant, going to the factory once every three months.

He uses a stomach ulcer as his excuse for sick leave, and a friend collects his pay. He earns about £16 a month from the factory and about £66 from the restaurant. He is typical of many disillusioned Chinese playing the system to their own advantage.



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Students to get £400 top-up loans

A scheme for top-up loans of up to £400 a year for home students in full-time education, coupled with the ending of students' general eligibility for special security benefits was an important step away from the dependency culture, Mr **Kenneth Baker**, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said.

Announcing the loans scheme, he recalled that two years ago, he had set up a review of student support.

"We have the most generous system of student support in the Western world, yet fewer of our young people enter higher education than in other European countries."

In the 1987 election manifesto the Conservatives had said that the purpose of the review was to improve the overall prospects of students so that more were encouraged to enter higher education. They had specifically mentioned top-up loans as a way of bringing in new finance to help students and relieve pressure on their parents. The review had now been completed.

"We believe that the cost of student maintenance should be shared more equitably between students themselves, their parents and the taxpayer. The Government is therefore today publishing a White Paper which sets out proposals to introduce a scheme of top-up loans for students (Conservative cheers).

"We propose that from 1990, in addition to their grant, all home students in full-time higher education, except postgraduates, will be eligible for a top-up loan averaging over £400 in a full year."

The loans facility would not be means-tested and students could take as much or as little of the £400 as they wished.

"The present grant arrangements will continue, but the overall levels of grant will be frozen in cash terms at their 1990 levels. As the grant also incorporates, in most cases, a parental contribution, this means that over time the average parent will be paying less in real terms.

"From 1990, students' total resources in grant and top-up loans will continue to be reviewed annually. Any uprating to reflect cost increases will be applied only to the top-up loan facility until the top-up loan has risen to the same level as the grant and parental contribution taken together.

"The top-up loans will not bear a commercial rate of interest (Conservative cheers). Under the Government's proposals, top-up loans will be offered at a real interest rate of zero.

"The principal to be repaid will be uprated each year in line with inflation. Repayments will not start until the April after students complete their courses. Furthermore, repayments will be deferred when a graduate's income is low for any reason."

The Government had announced in 1985 that it would remove students from the social security system. The Government would accordingly end general eligibility of students for social security benefits, whether or not they qualified for the loans (Labour protests).

"Benefits will, however, continue to be available for students who are disabled or single parents, and for students' dependents.

"The level of the top-up loan will more than compensate the great majority of students for any loss of benefits. We estimate that the average level of social security benefit which would otherwise be claimed in 1990-91 is about £150. That compares with our loan facility of £420 in that year."

There might be local circumstances where some further help was needed and postgraduates and further education students could not get loans, so he would establish three access funds, each of £5 million, to provide support on a discretionary basis to students in special financial need.

The funds would be for postgraduates, others in higher education and for students in further education. Operation of the funds would be reviewed after three years. They would be administered by the colleges, central institutions, polytechnics and universities. They were best placed to understand the circumstances of their students.

The terms of the top-up schemes were much more favourable than those of the borrowing on which many students now relied.

"Instead of students having to rely on a social security system which was never designed for them, we shall be providing appropriate discretionary arrangements to help those in real need. This is a major step forward to achieving our target of more young people going into higher education."

The loan scheme was best administered by the financial institutions and he was embarking on discussions with them. He would also consult funding councils, local authorities and higher and further education institutions about other aspects of his proposals. A short Bill would be introduced to allow the new regime to be introduced from the autumn of 1990.

"These proposals represent an important step away from the dependency culture (loud Labour protests and Conservative cheers).

"Students will have a financial stake in their own future, and this will encourage greater economic awareness and self-reliance. The burden of student support on taxpayers and parents will be reduced.

"For the first time there will be a guaranteed extra source of income for students over and above their grants and parental contributions. By introducing top-up loans, we fulfil the undertaking we gave in our manifesto at the last election."

Knowledge is going to be mortgaged, Straw tells House

The Government's proposals for top-up loans for students came in for sharp attacks from Opposition MPs.

Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said that they meant that in future knowledge was to be mortgaged. He accused the Government of seeking to deny to others benefits that many ministers had enjoyed under the grants system.

Questioning Mr Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, about his statement, he said that the White Paper would reduce access to higher education. It would increase student and parental debt and deter many students from entering higher education.

To Mr Baker's shame, the document contained no proposal for dealing with the real scandal of the number of people forced out of education at 16-plus because of funding and other pressures.

"The grant system gave many of us our only chance of higher education. Yet he is seeking to deny to others opportunities that ministers, even, had for themselves."

The reason why working-class participation had levelled off in the 1980s was principally because of this Government's appalling record. Student grants had been cut by 20 per cent in real terms and the burden on parents increased.

It was simply fraudulent to describe these as 'top-up loans'. Mr Baker was not topping up the grants system but pulling it down. He meant to replace at least half the grant and parental contribution with a loan.

If the parental contribution scale was frozen, many would end having to pay significantly more.

How did imposing such high burdens of debt on students and their parents square with the Prime Minister's injunction that people must be taught to live within their means?

Why did he not have the guts to admit that the whole policy was driven by the Chancellor's obsession to cut public spending.

Was not the Tory Reform Group correct to say that a loan scheme would reduce access to higher education, lead to lower standards and to a new class of poor graduates?

Mr Baker said that net cost of the scheme to the Treasury was £850 million so there was going to be an increase in Government expenditure.

By defending the present system, Mr Straw was defending the indefensible, a system that restricted access, in which 35 per cent of students did not receive their full parental contribution.

The parental scale would be changed to make quite sure that the parental contribution did not rise to take up the entire amount.

"I had a means-tested award which I supplemented by my own savings. I had my own savings saved up from when I did national service and which I also made during the vacation.

"Many of my generation would be very glad indeed to have the facilities of a top-up loan on the terms that I have announced this afternoon."

There would be a guaranteed source of income for students over and above their present grant, and a reduction in the burden on their hard-pressed parents.

In the next three or four days, he would be publishing more statistics which showed that the number of children staying on at 16 had gone up from 32 per cent to 48 per cent.

The Government had increased the number of students in higher education by nearly 200,000 since coming to office. The Labour Party was committed to nothing in this matter. Labour's education policy was a vacuum filled by straw.

Mr Simon Hughes, Democrat spokesman on education, asked why Mr Baker did not admit that the announcement "reveals that the Thatcherite monetarist wolf has been admitted at last into the Department of Education and Science". The hidden agenda had been revealed.

The statement had not said one word about increasing access or about the fact that the statement was the biggest disincentive to students from poor and working class families to go on to higher education since the last world war.

Mr Baker said that other countries with schemes of grants and loans had much higher records of access than had Britain. Student support in the UK was uniquely high. At 1984 prices it was £750 a student. In West Germany it was £70, in France £180, and in Japan £30.

All these countries had a higher proportion going on to higher education, particularly from blue-collar families.

Later he told **Mr James Pawsey** (Rugby and Kenilworth, C) that the loans would be in addition to the grants.

Socio-economic groups C2, D and E constituted 61 per cent of 18-year-olds in the country but they supplied only 21 per cent of all university entrants and 27 per cent of polytechnic entrants.

The proportion for universities had been static since about 1970, so the present system had not increased the proportion coming from blue-collar families.

Mr Elliot Morley (Glanford and Scunthorpe, Lab) said that many caring parents who did not want their children to start life with crippling debts would make an increased contribution themselves.

Mr Baker said that about a third of parents did not make up the full parental contribution. Children of those parents would be particular beneficiaries of the loan scheme.

EDUCATION

'Clock put back'

After the statement on student top-up loans was repeated in the Lords, *Lord Glenamara* (Lab), a former Secretary of State for Education, said that this "appalling, discredited Government" was once more putting the clock back 50 years.

He and *Lord Murray* (Lab), former general secretary of the TUC, said that they had received loans to enable them to go to college. Lord Glenamara said that his student loan had left him impoverished for the first few years of his working life.

Lord Beloff **(C) said that the proposals were simply a recasting of the current student finance system. He had hoped that after two years of Mr Robert Jackson's ingenuity (Under Secretary of State for Education), something really interesting would have been produced.**



Mr Simon Hughes (left) and Mr Jack Straw, who fiercely attacked the proposals

Tendering to save £14m, MPs told

SCOTLAND

More than £14.5 million will be saved in the next three years as a result of the health boards in Scotland putting their ancillary services out to competitive tender, **Mr Michael Forsyth**, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, told MPs at questions.

He said that he had asked them to re-examine the potential for competitive tendering in December last year.

Mr Graham Riddick (Colne Valley, C) asked him to confirm that the main opposition to competitive tendering had come from the Scottish TUC and the Scottish Labour Party.

Mr Forsyth agreed. The £14.5 million being saved was the equivalent of 2,400 heart bypass operations.

Dr Lewis Moonie (Kirkcaldy, Lab) said that it would help if the minister spent some of the money in providing a heart for himself (laughter). He asked about redundancy costs.

Mr Forsyth said that redundancy costs would be one-off payments for the full period of the contract. He could not give a precise figure, but about 2,000 people would be affected by competitive tendering at a cost of about £4 million.

Mr Samuel Galbraith, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that these were paper savings of no benefit to patients. This was a piece of political ideology.

Would the minister confirm that the redundancy payments would be so great that the Scottish Office coffers for them were running low?

Mr Forsyth replied that the redundancy costs were paid for at the centre. There was no question of health boards having to find that money.

'Nearly all Scots' have registered

SCOTLAND

About 99 per cent of Scotland's adults had registered for the community charge, according to preliminary estimates, **Mr Ian Lang**, Minister of State, Scottish Office, said during questions.

Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pembroke, C) said that the figures had given the lie to the campaign organized by some Scottish Opposition MPs against payment

Mr Lang: They have had a very bad example set to them by the Opposition attempt to frustrate the compilation of the register, which has clearly failed.

Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP): Tomorrow sees one of the first tests of public opinion on the poll tax in Scotland. The votes cast in Govan will support the campaign by the Scottish National Party.

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, C) asked the minister to congratulate the Scottish people who had rejected the blandishments of the Labour Party and SNP.

"Will he remind the Scottish people that the community charge will be on average only £5 a week per head. If they are sensible enough to vote Tory it will be only £4 a week (Conservative cheers). But if they were stupid enough to vote Labour, the tax could be double that figure."

Mr Lang said that the figures quoted by Mr Fairbairn were based on fact.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland: The minister is peddling myths, and rather pathetically.

He said that at no time had the Labour Party advocated non-registration. "Our aim has been a coalition against the poll tax and in that we have succeeded remarkably."

Zoo aid is at an end

The Government has warned the managers of London Zoo and Whipsnade Park that its payment of £9.27 million towards improvements will be the last financial help that it will give the two zoos.

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for Environment, said in a Lords written answer that the new subsidiary operating company has drawn up a development strategy.

"The society and its operating company are now in a position to harness public enthusiasm and secure a successful future for these world-famous zoos, without further public subsidy."

'Parliament deceived' over right to silence

The following report of the later stages of Tuesday's Commons debate on an Ulster Order appeared in part in later editions yesterday.

The Government was accused of deceiving Parliament and of moving towards the abrogation of the rule of law during debate on a criminal evidence Order for Northern Ireland.

***Mr Tom King*, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, had said that the purpose of the draft Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order was not in any way to remove the so-called right of silence of suspects questioned by the police or of defendants in court. He was moving approval of the Order.**

***Mr Robert Maclennan*, Democrat spokesman on home affairs, said no one believed that using an Order was appropriate. The reversal of the burden of proof which was the consequence of what Mr King was doing would not stand up in any other system of common law.**

"One is driven to the conclusion that the Secretary of State is deceiving Parliament by asking us to approve such a measure and asking us to be in some way complicit in this practice.

"This is the most repulsive step down the road to the abrogation of the rule of law that the Secretary of State has so far taken."

Mr James Kilfedder **(North Down, UPUP) said this was a profound change in the law in Northern Ireland and should not be made in advance of a similar change in the law of the rest of the United Kingdom.**

Mr Patrick Duffy **(Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab) said that Parliament was being asked to revoke one of Britain's keystone liberties, a freedom so fundamental to a just society that the founders of the American nation put it in the Bill of Rights.**

Mr Barry Porter **(Wirral South, C) said that the fundamental principle of UK law was about to be breached. It should not be breached on a couple of hours on a November afternoon.**

Mr Ivan Lawrence **(Burton, C), chairman of the Conservative backbench legal committee, said Mr King had presented a totally disingenuous case for a rushed and ill thought out Order. He would not support it.**

Mr King seemed to think that the right to silence was one of the most important obstacles in the way of the conviction of the guilty. "I have seldom heard such nonsense."

If there was evidence against a defendant he was likely to be convicted whether or not he admitted his guilt. If there was no such evidence and the police relied on an admission of guilt, there was unlikely to be a conviction because juries and judges, especially in Diplock courts, appreciated the ease of fabricating admissions.

Those who did not understand the law should not seek to twist it and distort it because of their understandable frustration. Of course Mr King was frustrated.

"Our horror should not make us blind to our responsibility to operate a reputable system of justice and it should not blind us into thinking that changing the right to silence will lead to the conviction of more who are guilty. It cannot and it will not."

***Sir Nicholas Lyell*, Solicitor General, said that the prosecution would have to contiane to prove its case to the same standard.**

"By denying the jury the right to hear the comments of the prosecution, the defence, and the judge, on failure to speak, and ponder its significance before making up their minds, is to introduce an artifical restraint which is no safeguard to the innocent and provides an unnecessary advantage to the guilty."

The Order was carried by 274 votes to 210 – Government majority, 64.

Reshuffle for the Labour front bench

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour peers, announced a limited reshuffle of his front bench yesterday with promotions for Lord Williams of Elvel, Lord Peston and Lord Gallacher (Sheila Gunn writes).

Lord Williams takes on the energy portfolio and will be in charge of the Opposition's work on the electricity privatization legislation next session, as well as continuing as the chief trade and industry spokesman.

Lord Peston becomes the chief Opposition education spokesman in place of Lady David. Lord Gallacher replaces Lord John-Mackie as leading spokesman on agriculture.

The chief Opposition front-bench spokesmen are:

Lord Gallacher: agriculture, food, foresury and fisheries
Lady Birk: arts, libraries, heritage, broadcasting and cable
Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede: Civil Service
Lord Irving of Dartford: defence
Lord Peston: education and science
Lord Underhill: electoral affairs
Lady Turner of Camden: employment
Lord Williams of Elvel: energy
Lord McIntosh of Haringey: environment
Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos: foreign and Welsh affairs
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Lord Prys-Davies: Northern Ireland
Lord Carmichael of Kelvingrove: Scottish affairs
Lady Jeger: social security
Lord Underhill: transport
Lord Bruce of Donington: treasury affairs
Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos: Welsh affairs

Anger over MPs' lapse

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Mr Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Democrats, yesterday made clear his displeasure with three of his MPs who absented themselves from last week's cliff-hanger vote on charges for eyesight tests.

Mr Ashdown said: "I am not terribly happy about it and neither are they. The chief whip has looked into the situation and discussed it with everyone concerned."

The three – Mr Alan Beith, Mr Simon Hughes and Sir Cyril Smith – voted in the first division on dental charges, but were not recorded as voting in the second one on eyesight tests when the Government's majority slumped to eight.

Mr Ashdown was speaking at Westminister at a press conference marking the end of his two-week tour of the country highlighting the "hidden price of Thatcherism". His travels took in every region of the country and almost all the main cities as he covered thousands of miles and made more than 50 separate stops.

He disclosed that he intended to make his state-of-the-nation survey an annual autumnal event (to be followed by a report in future) and brushed aside criticism that he would have been better employed concentrating on the Commons.

Signalling a change of leadership style, Mr Ashdown said that he intended to spend more time in the country, learning at first hand what was happening outside Westminister.

Despite his tour, he had not missed Prime Minister's questions and any of the key events of the past fortnight, he said, as he acknowledged that the Commons remained the "cockpit of the nation" in which political reputations were made.

"It's a fact of British politics, whether you like it or not, that you make your mark here."

Mr Ashdown said that his tour, bringing him face to face with rural and urban homelessness, unused or rundown hospitals and bureaucracy, had left him with the impression of poverty and deprivation coexisting alongside great affluence.

People were being denied the freedom to generate their own solutions to social problems by the impositions of local or national government. The Government was failing to make the investment needed to create a civilized society.

For instance, in Bath, a £6.5 million theatre block was standing idle because ministers had not released the money to run it, and at a hospital in Govan, in Glasgow, staff used incontinence pads to mop up water from a leaking roof."

Salmon netting 'under threat'

A centuries-old tradition of legal salmon netting on Scottish rivers was falling prey to an alliance of rod-fishing proprietors and their friends in the Government, **Mr John Home Robertson** (East Lothian, Lab) said.

He called for an urgent review of the charitable status of the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Trust, a "shady organization", which was buying up and extinguishing local netting rights.

Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office, said that the sale of netting rights was a commercial arrangement that did not involve the Government.

Of the trust, he said he deplored the use of the chamber to attack an organization committed to the conservation of salmon.

Helicopter survey

The Ministry of Defence is about to examine in detail the RAF's need for a utility variant of the EH101 Anglo-Italian helicopter and to establish more firmly the costs and risks involved. **Mr Timothy Sainsbury**, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said in a written reply.

The intention to order, to meet the requirement for additional support helicopters in the Central Region, was announced last year and work has been going on to define more precisely RAF performance requirements.

Emigration of Soviet Jews

The Soviet Union has allowed 14,602 Soviet Jews to emigrate during the past three years although Israeli authorities knew of 9,000 cases of Soviet Jews being refused visas to leave, **Lord Glenarthur**, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said in a Lords written reply.

The number allowed to leave has risen from 1,140 for the whole of 1985 to 2,587 for October this year.

Brewery bid with minister

The report of the Director General of Fair Trading on the bid of Elders IXL for Scottish and Newcastle Breweries is now with Lord Young, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, **Mr Ian Lang**, Minister of State, Scottish Office, said at questions.

The Scottish Office had been involved in the consultation. He was not in a position to disclose the advice given by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, to Lord Young.

Earth tremor debate denied

Miss Joan Walley (Stoke-on-Trent North, Lab) was refused leave for an emergency debate on a spate of earth tremors that had occurred in her area.

She said that money should be made available to discover the cause of the tremors. They might be caused by the discontinuance of deep coal mining.

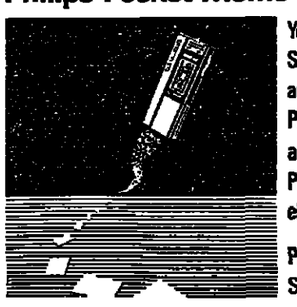
New peer

Lord Butterfield, formerly Sir John Butterfield, who was Master of Downing College, Cambridge, and Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge, took his seat on the cross-benches in the House of Lords. He was supported by Lady Birk and Lord Marshall of Leeds.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland; Prime Minister. Debate on the handling of MPs' representations in immigration cases.
Lords (3): European Communities (Finance) Bill, second reading and remaining stages.

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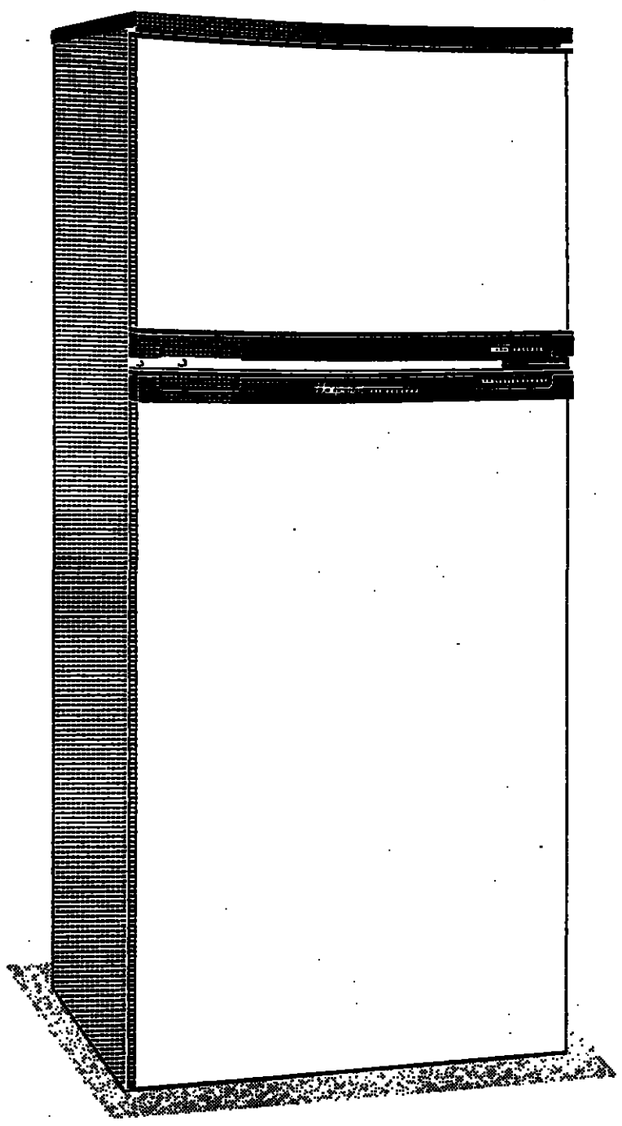
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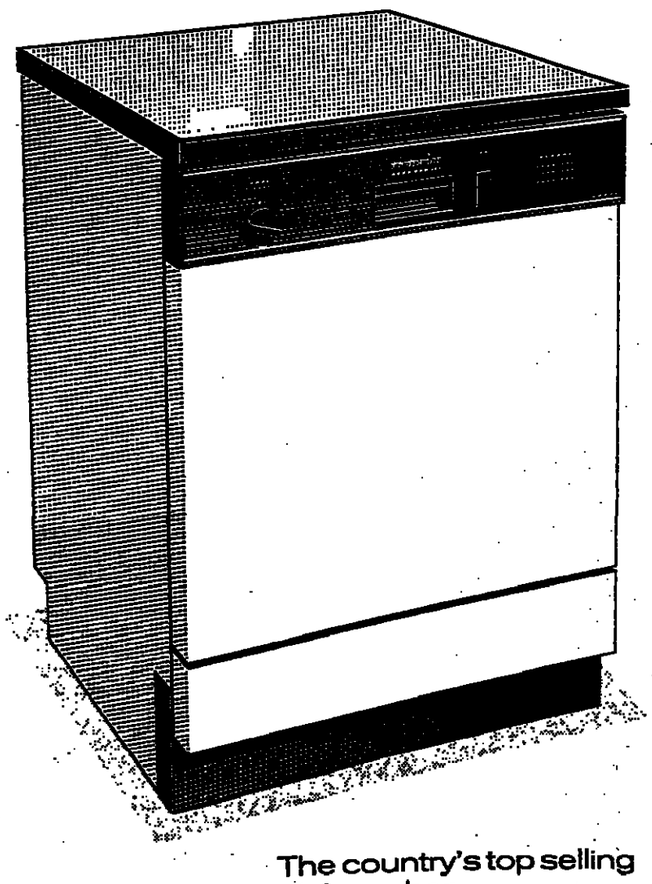
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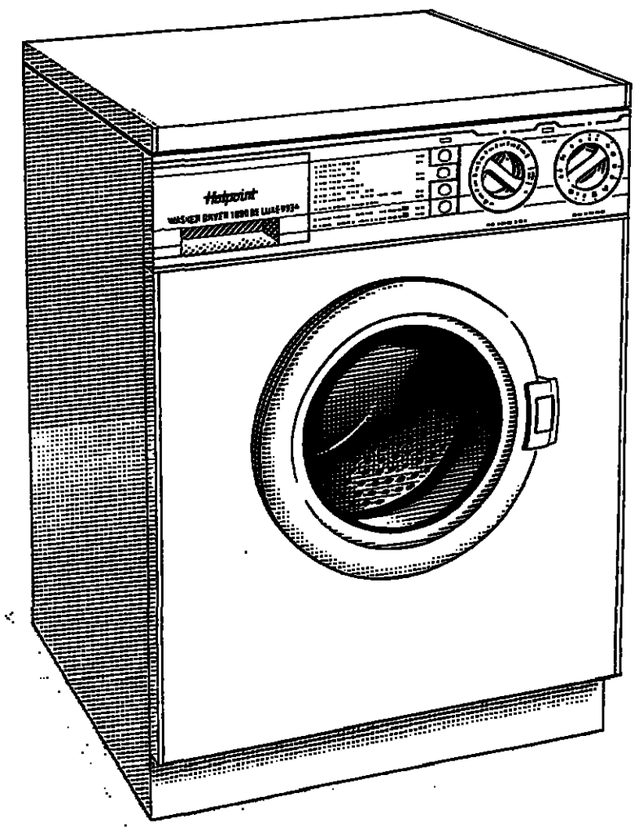
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THE TIMES PROFILE

JAMES BAKER

James Addison Baker is the closest thing to a prime minister that Americans are likely to see in the Bush presidency. Even before the results were officially confirmed on election night, he was described as the leading light, the chief architect of victory, the man who would very nearly be king.

Baker is to Bush what John Foster Dulles was to President Dwight David Eisenhower, but more so. His reach, as Secretary of State, will extend far beyond foreign policy. He could become the Bismarck of the United States, wielding as much power under Bush, his close friend, as the German minister held under Kaiser Wilhelm.

On election night, before a crowd of cheering supporters, Bush paid tribute to the man who is widely praised for delivering a victory which appeared distant during the dark days of August. Newspaper reports then were fairly unanimous and reflected the sentiments expressed by the *Washington Post*. "James A. Baker III yesterday assumed control of the deeply troubled presidential quest of his friend, George Bush, at the outset of a critical period in which Bush hopes to climb out of a distant second place in the polls and use his national convention to more clearly define his goals and his identity," the *Post* wrote.

Election night results confirmed the wisdom of the Vice-President's choice. Bush acknowledged his debt in a moving victory address. He told the cheering Texas crowd: "Tonight, in the same breath with which I thank my family, I want to thank my great friend, Houston's son, Jim Baker."

The Bush-Baker relationship goes back a long way, to the late 1960s, when the President-elect migrated to Houston to make his own fortune in the volatile oil business. He had the backing of his patrician father, former Senator Prescott Bush.

Bush and Baker met at the local Anglican church, the religious choice of Houston's oil-rich élite. Soon after, they played tennis together at the Houston Country Club, socialized over cold beers and planted their boots in the Texas political soil which also spawned Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the running mate of Michael Dukakis.

Baker began his political career as a Democrat but – as he explained years later as he was moving from the Reagan White House to become Treasury Secretary – "I am a Texas conservative and conservatives from Texas are Republican".

He was baptized into political life by his first wife, Mary, whom he married in 1953. She died of cancer in 1970, leaving him with four children and a grim determination to succeed in public life. "She always felt that you should not fuss over politics, unless you were willing to step in and be counted," said Preston Moor, his cousin.

Baker, the Establishment, Eastern-educated lawyer, became Baker the politician in 1970. He helped to manage the Bush campaign for a Senate seat that was won by Lloyd Bentsen. The bright spot was that in the counties managed by Baker, Bush won more than 61 per cent of the vote. Thus began their political partnership.

To understand the political power of "Jimmy Baker", as his Texas friends call him, is to understand more than his relationship with Bush. He is the only contemporary American politician who has held most of the jobs which are the keys to power in Washington. He has run the White House, as Chief of Staff in the first term of Ronald Reagan, he has served as Treasury Secretary, thus learning the intricacies of international economic policy, and he has been in the front line for Reagan on tax reform and other contentious issues.

His view of the world as Secretary of State will be much as it was at Treasury, based firmly on the belief that America is the beacon which must lead the rest of the world to peace and prosperity. He is not an isolationist.

There is no suggestion in Baker's lexicon of giving up power or of pulling back from the starring role as US economic influence wanes and Japan and a newly integrated Europe become bigger players. But he is likely to press Japan to play a shared role, especially in negotiations in Asia.

He will almost certainly pursue even stronger relations with the Soviet Union. In this, he will be helped by his strong ties to Sir Geoffrey Howe, whose career somewhat mirrors his, and to Margaret Thatcher, whom he admires greatly.

With Baker at State, the US-UK special relationship may assume even greater proportions in the context of Europe's 1992 reforms. Baker is known to believe that the integration of Europe will reduce the number of political players, allowing the US to push harder for its positions.

"I do not like him but I respect him. His word is good. When you negotiate with Baker you know that you have been taken over the coals. His eyes are as cold as a rattlesnake's," said a Texas congressman.

Along the way, Baker, now 58, has marshalled an impressive team of lieutenants who figured large in the Reagan Administration and will continue to play important roles during Bush's first term. They are doggedly loyal.

An interesting way to gauge Baker's power in the Bush Administration would be to track the appointments of his team. If Richard Darman becomes the chief architect of domestic fiscal policy, as head of the Office of Management and Budget, Baker's input will be felt.

Margaret Tutweiler, his White House co-worker and longtime aide, is slated for either a cabinet or sub-cabinet position. She is considered a Eliza Doolittle to his Henry Higgins. Craig Fuller, former House appointments secretary, will move on to a key job and John "Buck" Chapoton, the chief author of Reagan's tax reform proposals, could be coerced back into government. There are numerous Baker loyalists scattered throughout the Washington bureaucracy.

"He scares us to death. He knows the White House and he is in a position to craft the shape and function of the Bush apparatus there. With Baker at State, the National Security Council may cease to be a force. He will certainly try to take the international economic operations with him. He is in a position to become the puppet-master," said an aide to House majority leader, Tom Foley.

The danger is that public perception of Baker's power will corrupt his strong relationship with Bush. There was an incident in 1980 which almost did.

With only a few primaries remaining, Reagan appeared to have the Republican nomination in hand, but Bush doggedly stayed in the race. Baker, his campaign manager then as now, pleaded with him to withdraw. Bush refused.

A short time later, Baker announced that Bush was stepping out of the California primary due to lack of funds. A shocked Bush learned of the announcement from reporters while he continued to campaign in New Jersey. He flew to Houston for a confrontation but the friendship survived because Baker convinced him that he had a good chance to become Vice-President.

His colleagues describe Baker as a classic workaholic, who puts in 14-hour days, but without losing a sardonic sense of humour. He has been known to attempt to lighten the working atmosphere by staging such events as "the most outrageous tie competition". He often sports electric-green, flashy fuschia ties which contrast sharply with his favoured dark suits.

A Texas friend in Washington, who has a daughter at the same school attended by Mary Bonner, Baker's 11-year-old daughter, tells a poignant tale. She recalls being on the grounds of Beauvoir, an exclusive primary school that was attended by the child, and seeing a lone, grey-haired man in a stiff blue blazer attempting to play volley ball among a sea of young fathers in their thirties.

"I went over to him and said, 'Jim, you do not need to do this to prove that you are a good father'," she said. With great relief, he bowed out. With his second wife, Susan, with whom he shares a combined family of eight children, he is more at home on the Washington social circuit than at the playground.

But Bush tells stories about "my buddy" which suggest that Baker is still the "good old boy" from Texas, despite the background of wealth and the polish of Princeton.

"When I went hunting for turkeys on a shoot with Jimmy Baker we had a few beers and we sorted things out," the President-elect said. The turkey shoot, several weeks before the Republican convention, produced the themes which produced a Bush victory, according to campaign aides.

And the fact that reporters learned that the two men had returned from the wild, after a session of fly-fishing, horse-riding, dirty jokes and beer guzzling, was no mistake either.

Baker is the ultimate master of Washington "spin-control", the art of creating the images which appear in print. Bush's image as a "wimp" began to dissipate shortly thereafter.

Bailey Morris



BIOGRAPHY

- **1930:** Born April 28, Houston, educated at Princeton and University of Texas Law School
- **1957:** Joins the law firm of Andrews & Kurth in lieu of the family firm, Baker & Botts, which was founded by his great-grandfather in 1872
- **1970:** Joins the Bush campaign for the Senate, following death of his first wife, Mary
- **1973:** Married Susan Garrett. One child, Mary Bonner, the godchild of President-elect Bush
- **1975-76:** Deputy under-Secretary of Commerce
- **1976:** Deputy manager of Ford presidential campaign
- **1979-80:** Chairman of Bush presidential campaign as Bush stands against Reagan
- **1980-81:** Member of the Reagan transition team
- **1981-85:** White House Chief of Staff
- **1985:** US Treasury Secretary
- **1988:** Chairman, Bush presidential campaign
- **November 9, 1988:** named as next Secretary of State

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A classical tale of detection

artfile



A weekly look at the art world

Sarah Jane Checkland



A homecoming: one of the Paninis from the south of France

Sometimes he sends them Christmas cards, sometimes he sends in tough-talking dealers. By whatever tactics – whether coaxing or shaming – John Jacob usually prevails.

Jacob is curator at Kenwood House and Marble Hill, in London. Starting with empty rooms, no budget, and only the motto "Listen to the house. It will tell you what it wants", he has managed, over 21 years, to reassemble many of his charges' scattered parts.

So it was that in 1985 an important Robert Adam sideboard was returned to Kenwood. Sold in 1922 with its fellow furniture, it was discovered in the possession of the Massachusetts collector Ellery Sedgwick. After Sedgwick had been given the Christmas card treatment, it was returned as a gift.

A lavish side table from Marble Hill was tracked to Australia, despite a temporary cooling in the trail when one owner changed sex. Eventually it was located with a hairdresser in Bondi Beach, and secured mainly through funds from English Heritage, the government quango which took over from the GLC in 1986.

Next week will be the climax of Jacob's career, when two paintings by the 18th-century Italian artist Giovanni Paolo Panini arrive from France to be reinstated in the wainscotting of the Great Room at Marble Hill. Commissioned by the Countess of Suffolk (George II's mistress) in 1738, they had been adrift in the art world ever since the Cunard family stripped the house, and sold it at the turn of the century. Now, after 15 years of persistence, Jacob has reunited the entire ensemble of four overdoors, and an overmantle.

Jacob first heard about the paintings early in his career through a brief mention of "five Roman landscapes" in a 1767 inventory of Marble Hill. In 1974, "a lady of title" offered at Sotheby's two paintings of the correct dimensions and subject matter – the Arch of Constantine and the Colosseum. But there were only two, and Jacob was looking for five. He says: "We let them go and they were bought by the British Rail Pension Fund."

In the following season, to Jacob's annoyance, Sotheby's sold two more paintings from the same series to a Milan dealer. They admitted the series had been split up.

Shortly afterwards, the BR fund loaned its Paninis to the Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle, County Durham. Jacob persuaded the curator to allow for a transfer to Marble Hill, where they were inserted in their "rightful" place in the wainscotting. Thus things remained until January 1984, when a further painting, depicting "classical statues above an arcade", was spotted in a catalogue for Sotheby's New York. This was the missing overmantle.

At that time the GLC had by sheer chance an excess of funds and the painting was bought for £43,699. One Panini in the bag, two on loan, and two to go.

It was not long before BR "started making noises about selling". After some wrangling over prices, its two paintings were bought for a six-figure sum, paid by grants from funding bodies such as the National Art-Collections Fund and the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

"This was the moment I had been waiting for," Jacob says. "The whole art world now knew we were into buying Paninis." First on the trail was Marcello Violante, of Chaucer Fine Art, Pimlico. As Jacob huddled in his cramped Kenwood office last summer, he received a call from a café in Lucca. It was Violante. He had found the paintings in the south of France. The private owner was persuaded to sell, with the help of cash from English Heritage and other bodies.

And so the story ended in triumph for Jacob . . . with all five paintings about to be reunited.

Haute cuisine

From poultry lacers at 55p to a Provençal wine press at £695, there are useful and beautiful Christmas presents in every price range at Liberty's kitchen shop, *Frances Bissell writes*. There are all sorts of kitchen gadgets, pots and pans, as well as John Lewis of Hungerford's fitted kitchens and free-standing furniture.

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HEALTH

What price walking tall?

Lack of height in healthy children can mean discrimination from an early age. Ann Kent asks if medical treatment is really the answer

Hundreds of normal British children are receiving daily injections of growth hormone in an attempt to grow taller. These children do not have a hormone deficiency — they have simply been born to normal, but short parents. "Unfortunately, we live in a heightist society," says Professor Michael Preece, a growth and development specialist at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

Tam Fry, chairman of the Child Growth Foundation, agrees. "If you are short, then people will discriminate against you from school age onwards. Even the language discriminates. We talk about someone walking tall when we mean that they are doing well." Lack of height is being taken seriously in Britain: next Wednesday, the world's first growth research centre for children will open at the Institute of Child Health in London.

But sometimes the attempt to achieve normal height can mean considerable personal sacrifice. Dozens of children are undergoing a leg lengthening procedure which means months of pain and up to two years on crutches and in wheelchairs, with 100 others on the waiting list.

Unlike the children receiving growth hormone, these youngsters are not "normal" although they are fit and healthy. They have Achondroplasia (dwarfism), which means that while their bodies are normal, their heads are larger than average and their limbs shorter. They are handicapped as much by society's attitude as by lack of height.

Leg lengthening involves cutting through the bones at the thigh and calf, a procedure more commonly used to repair severe fractures. It works by exploiting the body's natural healing processes. Screws are passed from an external surgical device — the Orthofix fixator — through the leg to hold the cut bones in place. After about two weeks, the children or their parents turn a special key in the fixator four times a day.

This produces a tiny movement of the bones, stimulating the production of new bone material and ultimately stretching the leg. As this happens, the skin, muscles, veins and sinews also stretch.

Treatment can take 18 to 30 months, according to the procedure used. The result is a height increase of six to 12 inches and often an improvement in the shape of the leg, although scarring will occur. During treatment the children, aged from nine upwards, learn for the first time what it means to be physically handicapped, using wheelchairs, sticks, crutches and built-up shoes.

But it is not only genetically abnormal children who find themselves under pressure to get bigger. Improvements in hormonal treatments for children whose growth is delayed have created a new demand: short parents are seeking treatment for their own "short normal" children to save them from discrimination.

Most parents realize their child is having growth problems when they wear out clothes before they grow out of them, or when their growth lags behind that of classmates or younger siblings.

Doctors and health visitors keep special centile charts, plotting height, weight and head circumference which show the wide range of normal growth within a particular age group. Concern is aroused if a child slips down the chart. Alarm bells should ring when a child falls below the third centile, and his or her case should be investigated. However, about 400,000 children in Britain fall below this line and, in most cases, there are medical, ethnic or genetic explanations.

Now growth hormone is being injected into some of these short normal children to test whether they benefit in the same way as children with a known growth hormone deficiency. Early results from a research study at Great Ormond Street, involving 90 children, suggest that giving laboratory-made human growth hormone does create a growth spurt in most short normal children.

But it is not known if this treatment will simply provoke children into reaching their expected height at a younger age, or whether it really will make them taller. The second unknown is long-term side effects of human growth hormone injections.



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But are these efforts to grow bigger children really in the interests of the children, or do they pander to the needs of disappointed parents? Pam Rutt, chairman of the Association for Research into Restricted Growth, explains that the demand for leg lengthening always comes from children whose parents are of normal stature.

"Our adult members have generally made a success of life despite their short stature. Their children feel the same way. But the children whose parents are of normal stature can feel isolated. And their parents tend to feel guilty because there is nothing they can do. And then this limb lengthening operation comes along and at last it seems as if there is an answer.

"I can understand why people want this," Rutt continues. "I am 4ft 1in. When heads turn every time you walk down the street, then living a normal life and finding a job can be a real battle."

Orthopaedic surgeon Michael Saleh and his colleagues at Sheffield Children's Hospital offer growth increases of up to 12 inches.

He accepts that this drive for self-improvement may sometimes be more for the benefit of parents than for the short children. "All the children I have seen have had parents of normal height and so we have to be careful that the procedure is being requested for the right reasons."

He continues: "This is why we have a programme of counselling involving a psychologist and a social worker, as well as the parents and children, which goes on for a year. We have to be sure of their motivations and whether they and their children can face up to lengthy painful treatment."

Professor Preece of Great Ormond Street says he is also cautious about parental requests for growth hormone. As he points out, treatment involves injections three to seven times a week, for eight or nine years.

He says: "If someone comes to me with a boy of 10 who is likely to have an adult height of 5ft 7in — short average — then nothing on earth will convince me that he should be given growth hormone. But I would feel quite different about a boy who was likely to be under 5ft 2in.

"Most of the children we see are disturbed by their lack of height and a lot of them are bullied at school."

But if human growth hormone treatment proves effective, are we prepared to pay for our prejudices? Leg lengthening costs about £5,000 and a considerable amount of physiotherapy and aftercare is needed. But this is insignificant compared with the cost of hormone treatment. One year's injections cost between £5,000 and £10,000. A full course could run to £90,000.

It is not just kinder to ignore height differences, it is an awful lot cheaper. Or, as an editorial in *The Lancet* earlier this year put it: "It would be a sad day for surgery if, merely because of technical ability, one had to produce a race of uniform stature — neither too tall, nor too small; neither too curved nor too straight."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Not such a bitter pill

Women who have never bothered with the small print on the packets of their contraceptive pills have this week been busy with the magnifying glass to see if their favourite brand, like 60 per cent of all combined pills, contains levonorgestrel. Recent reports have led people to think that there is a proven and ominous direct link between this progesterone-type hormone and cardiovascular disease; there is not.

It has been known for many years that progesterones cause a reduction in high density lipoproteins (HDL), the part of the blood fat which seems to protect the arteries. Any reduction in the HDL reduces the ratio of HDL to total blood cholesterol. A very low HDL/total cholesterol (TC) ratio is now to be associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, but — and this is the crucial point — none of the statistics have shown that pills containing levonorgestrel produce a very low HDL/TC ratio.

One manufacturer alone has distributed 5 billion packets of the combined pill containing levonorgestrel without any evidence of an association between it and heart disease. Hitherto the oestrogen faction has always been blamed for the increased incidence of cardiovascular disease, a view reinforced by the statistics Dr Martin Vessey of Oxford University recently presented to the world congress of gynaecology and obstetrics. These figures show that the change to the new lower dose pill containing 30 or 35 micrograms of oestrogen, rather than a pill containing 50, has had a dramatic effect in cutting these complications.

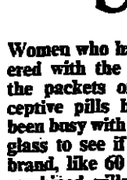
The other good news about the pill is that the Department of Health is issuing a guide on contraceptives which explains why women over 35 do not have to give it up, as is often thought and taught. Women who should not take it in their thirties and forties are those who are obese, who smoke, or who have a family history of early heart disease.

Recent research has suggested that the oestrogen dose can be cut even further, to 20 micrograms, without losing the contraceptive effect. And taking the pill does have proven benefits; it reduces the chance of developing cancers of the ovary and body of the uterus, it helps in benign breast disease and fibroids, and probably has a protective effect against osteoporosis.

The good news from last week's conference which has been overshadowed concerns some progesterone-type hormones. Desogestrel may actually increase the level of HDL, and others like gestodene are probably neutral in their effect.

Women should not worry. There are many other aspects of life which have a far greater effect on their HDL levels than the difference between levonorgestrel and desogestral. Dietary indiscretions, slothfulness, smoking and stress all adversely affect the HDL/TC ratio, whereas good exercise and one or two drinks a day, particularly claret, improve it. Even so, doctors will doubtless tend to prescribe those containing desogestrel or gestodene as an added safeguard.

Taking a break for coffee addicts



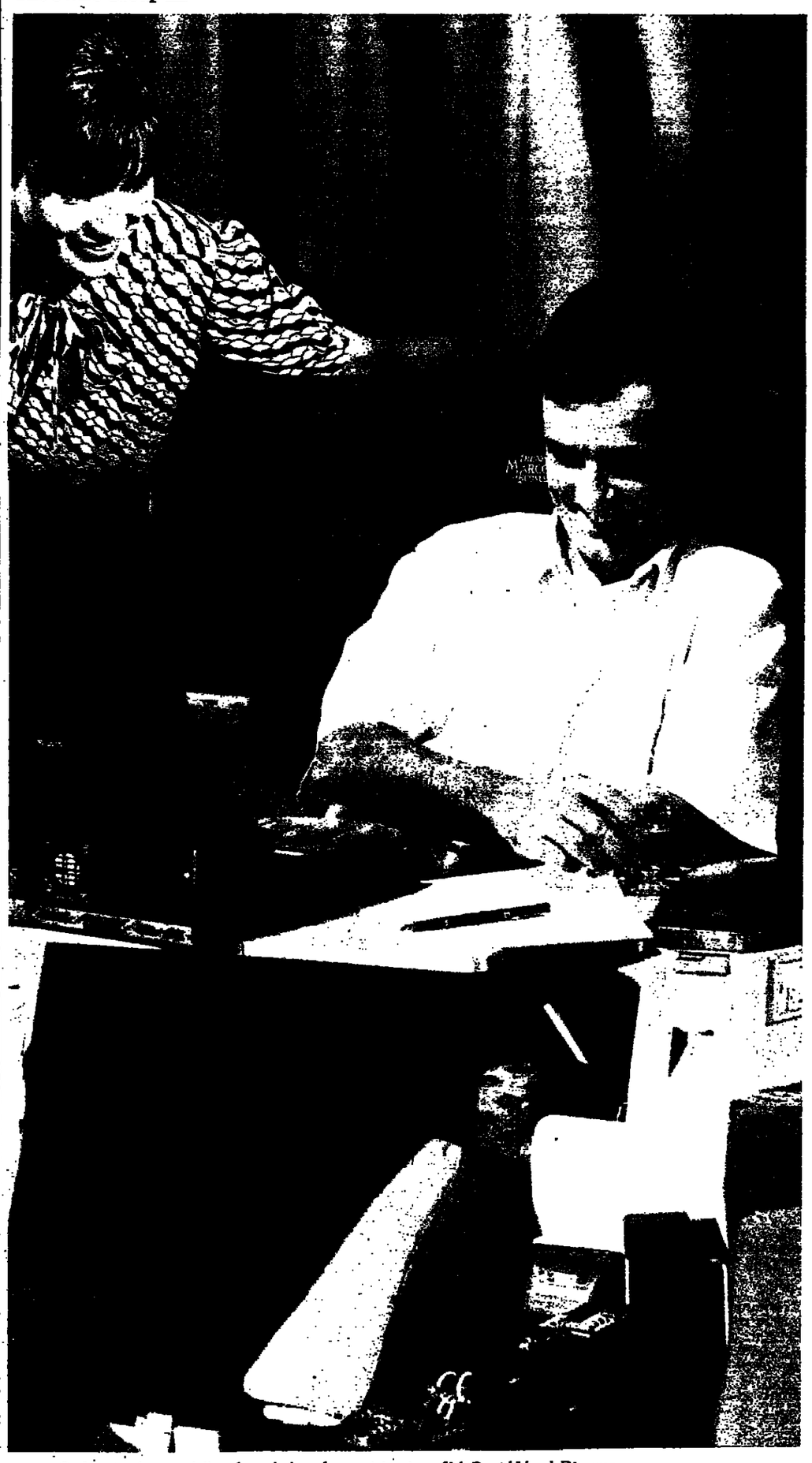
The rattling cups trundled round pre-war factory lines and the farm labourer's flask contained tea, not coffee. As their sons and daughters abandoned manual work for the office, so they abandoned tea for coffee.

Epidemiologists have been charting this change to see if increased coffee drinking has had any ill effect on health; and coffee addicts can take some comfort that the results have been conflicting.

However, research workers from the Boston University Medical School have found that the 10 cups a day man is three times as likely to have a heart attack, and the five cups a day man doubles his risk. But the survey cannot prove that the heart attack is a direct consequence of drinking more than five cups of coffee a day.

The pharmacological action of the friendly cup of coffee proffered to a neighbour in distress has also been analysed in a report published in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. Research workers have shown that anxious people, rather than being settled by a cup of coffee, have their level of anxiety increased, and in a depressed person it tends to uncover the latent anxiety which is a hidden component in most depressive illnesses.

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TIMES DIARY

ALAN COREN

Like most far-sighted citizens, I was immensely cheered by Monday's broadcasting White Paper. Or, rather, by its implications. When it comes to White Papers, as you will have noticed, it is always the implications on to which pundits latch. This is generally because the explications are too incomprehensible, and (b) not worth a light, anyhow; all we need ever concern ourselves with is What Does This Mean For The Future?

What the White Paper means for my future is that any day now I shall almost certainly have my own television station. Network, even. I have read Mr Hurd's catchy tract with an assiduity which has left my eyes rolling around my head like marbles in a saucer, and it is quite clear to me that, provided I do not allow anything into the Rees-Mogg living-room which might frighten the horses, I am free to set up in the entertainment business as soon as my satellite is launched and spinning. I need make no franchise bid, register no company, leave no token of good faith or solvency with the Home Office or the DTI. I do not even have to lure Mr Hurd out for a large one. All I need do is wave Section 6, para 31: "The Government proposes to leave the further development of other satellite services to the market."

It will perhaps be queried whether I can get into that market, given that the base figure for a satellite-cobbling, as of my Tuesday ring-round, was some £20 million, a figure likely to make my bank manager look out of the window and pull his ear-lobe, if past requests to tide me over till Friday are anything to go by. But that was Tuesday: many of you will have had those conversations in Dixons where a salesman points out that, ten years ago, the calculator in your hand would have been the size of St Paul's, and I have every confidence that within a very short time satellites will be £6.99, to include free launch.

My programmes will cost nothing. I was much cheered to hear the ululations rising over Hampstead Heath and Camden Hill on Monday over the imminent *Qualitätsdämmerung*, as smarties kept chanting that this was the end of *Jewel in the Crown* and *Brideshead Revisited*, which seemed to be the only two examples they could think of. For my money (which it is) I have had quite enough of quality drama: I see no reason for interpreting *Brideshead Revisited* at £500,000 an hour when you can not only buy the original for £3.95 but also enjoy it in the bath without risk of electrocution.

Thousands of extremely cheap programmes are exactly what we need, rather than a couple of annual blockbusters for which jumboloads of stellar salaries have been set down in Death Valley in order to fabricate, inadequately, an Abyssinia which Evelyn Waugh could reproduce in two sentences. My satellite will beam such low-budget screen gems as *Three Hundred Holiday Slides* (a visual treat with the added bonus, for my balance sheet, of forming the basis of my peak-time quiz show, *Guess Whose Head?*) and if anyone wants the classics, then I shall read them aloud from my Cricklewood *fauteuil*, a jar of inexpensive daisies behind me and a bottle to hand of some single malt whose distiller will be happy to cough up a subventional bob or two for the opportunity of commending his product to a select group of the discerning.

You do not need a star for that. I leave it to my flusher competitors to assault my rating with *Bob's Bleak House*.

BARRY FANTONI



"You realize that's only two lost keys, three flat tyres and five no petrols?"

With my low-budget satellite, of course, I shall not be required to sign up a royal heir to present a controversial documentary.

My own *Vision of Britain* will be shot from my office window. Even as I type, I can see a cheery group of decolleté buttocks refurbishing my local, at the corner of Marylebone's Homer Street. It used to be called The Olive Branch and was much loved for that brown seediness which is an integral part of our drinking heritage. Now it is being not only designer-tarted, but re-christened The Quintin Hogg. The great man himself is coming down on November 21 to open it. This depresses me enormously: I do not want, of a lunchtime, to pop into The Quintin Hogg for a quiche and Badoit. Where will it end? Are we soon to have The Dog and Tebbit, or The Two Jolly Kinnocks? Are sign-painters even now cackling over their preliminary sketches for The Parkinson's Arms?

Drear thoughts of political commemoration bring me to the results of my competition of October 27, in which suggestions were invited for a memorial to grace Grantham after Mrs Thatcher completes her tenth term and decides to put her feet up in front of *Guess Whose Head?*

Readers, I am compelled to report, reached a depth of depravity that left even my coarse old sails winded; which meant, regretfully, that 80 per cent of entries were *hors concours*. This should not, however, detract from the winner's ingenuity in suggesting a Dome of Recovery (geddit?) in the shape of a giant wig, the colours of which would gently change, week by week, through every shade of blonde, containing a dormitory for the 10,000 pensioners fortunate enough to have won the state lottery for a sheltered bunk.

The tin of *foie gras* goes, therefore, to Mrs J.F. Parry, of Hull.

David Owen sees a more pragmatic US line on relations with Europe

How Bush can unite Nato

In terms of experience George Bush is the best qualified of any *man to win the presidency*. There has been a tendency to scoff at his curriculum vitae along the lines of Senator Dole's *New Hampshire TV* commercial showing Bush's feet leaving no trace in the snow.

But in reality his record is deeply impressive. The youngest person to fly off US naval carriers in the Second World war. A genuine war hero. Successful Texan businessman. Elected Congressman. Ambassador to China and the UN. Head of the CIA. Eight years as Vice President. He comes to be the leader of the free world with a rounded knowledge that any of his predecessors including General Eisenhower and Richard Nixon would envy.

Yet *people still question his* judgement and the apparent immaturity of some of his twists and turns within the spectrum of Republican politics. He has however wise and good friends and tends to surround himself with able people. It looks as if the choice of Senator Dan Quayle will turn out to be only a lapse, albeit potentially a grave one.

Bush's first appointment of his friend and campaign manager Jim Baker as Secretary of State is an excellent one. As White House Chief of Staff and Treasury Secretary Baker has already won a deservedly high reputation. He was the man that turned the polls around. Arriving when Dukakis was still 15 per cent ahead and having his advice against Quayle overriden, he did not cavil but simply got on with the job of projecting Bush and damaging Dukakis.

An intimate Bush-Baker partnership on international affairs could be very powerful. Baker is likely to be given the overall authority in the day to day conduct of foreign affairs that no secretary of state has had *since John Foster Dulles*.

Bush will be more active than Eisenhower but there is a chance at least that he will not subject the State Department to the degree of tiresome interference that has been a deplorable characteristic of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Carter and even at times in Reagan's laid-back presidency.

No president can abdicate from the final responsibility and no wise secretary of state will abrogate to himself power that the constitution vests in the president. But the US government cannot project itself as an effective leader of world opinion if presidents allow their national security advisers to usurp the role of the Secretary of State or *play the game of personality* politics. If the speculation is true that Brent Scowcroft is to become Bush's National Security Adviser then the chances are he would reinforce not undermine the crucial relationship between president and secretary of state.

President Bush at least initially will be likely to concentrate his own personal diplomacy on *President Gorbachov. There will* be a lot of sense in the two men meeting in the early weeks of his presidency: then no one could expect concrete results from a new president and the meeting could focus on getting to know each other's mind.

A strategic arms reduction treaty is achievable by the summer, but seaborne-launched cruise missiles deployed extensively by both sides present a major hurdle and it is hard to see this element being tied down in all its particulars within the framework of Start.

All the signs are that Gorbachov intends to use the United Nations as a major platform to project Soviet policy. Bush is well equipped to match the *Soviets in this forum. It would* be a big mistake to continue the Reagan policy of disdain for and indifference to the UN. Cleverly used, the UN can be a vehicle for a constructive partnership between the US and the Soviet Union. If the KGB can see its potential there is no reason for the CIA to stay aloof. In Afghanistan, over Iran-Iraq and in the Arab-Israeli *dispute the UN has* an unfilled potential.

Neither Bush nor Baker has illusions about the world's changing power structures. Baker has been used to the financial world in which Japan is the dominant player with the US, and with West Germany the most important player in Europe. While President Bush will re-run in public Reaganite sentiment for the special relationship with Britain, he will not hesitate to temper this with an appreciation of *American self-interest*.

With Baker we can expect little sentiment and much realism. He will demand that Western Europe picks up more of the tab for its defence than hitherto, and if he is as blunt and bold as I expect, he will ask for US troop reductions to be agreed ahead of the Nato-Warsaw Pact conventional troop reductions.

He will also view the *emergence* of a European internal market by 1992 as a potential threat to the US economy and banking practices, particularly if accompanied by external protectionism. Nor is he likely to soften a *US assault on EEC* subsidies for agricultural products in world markets.

We can expect a mixture of sugar and spice: sugar towards Nato and the EEC from Bush, spice from Baker, including a readiness to encourage the dollar to fall to correct the US trade deficit even if that is uncomfortable for the Europeans.

Both men are likely to know exactly what the other is doing and, what is more, feel comfortable with these different roles.

Mrs Thatcher will receive a warm welcome from Bush in Washington next week. They know each other well and Bush has been unstinting in his praise, particularly for her courage over the Falklands and her steadfastness in allowing US bombers based in Britain to attack Libya. But British opinion should not be misled by press hyperbole over the special relationship.

Chancellor Kohl of West Germany will also go to Washington on November 12. Mrs Thatcher cannot assume that on the crucial question of the modernization of Nato's short-range nuclear weapons her view will prevail. She wants to go ahead fast with modernizing nuclear artillery, the Lance missile and replacing free-fall nuclear bombs with air-to-surface nuclear missiles. Bush will not be deaf to the developing Franco-German consensus for a more discriminatory approach.

President Bush should suggest the abandonment of Nato's nuclear artillery completely, offer to persuade Congress that the US should unilaterally continue with Lance modernization and propose developing in partnership with France and Britain a stand-off air-launched nuclear missile.

If he also encouraged the development of a European tank around the German Leopard, and required the Pentagon to disown the US arms industry's determination to undermine European defence procurement, he would unite Nato and give it the leadership it desperately needs.

Humphrey Taylor

Did Dukakis throw it away?

Washington

There were three decisive events in the 1988 presidential campaign. The first was Bush's acceptance speech in New Orleans when he emerged from under Ronald Reagan's shadow as his own man, a fighter, not a wimp, who was able to touch the hearts with his vision of a gentler, kinder America. He went into the convention between five and seven points behind in the opinion polls and came out with a small lead, which he never lost.

The second was Bush's decision to attack Dukakis as a big-spending, permissive liberal who was soft on crime. Dukakis failed to respond effectively to these charges until the last two weeks of the campaign because, we are told, he thought these charges were so wide of the mark they would not stick.

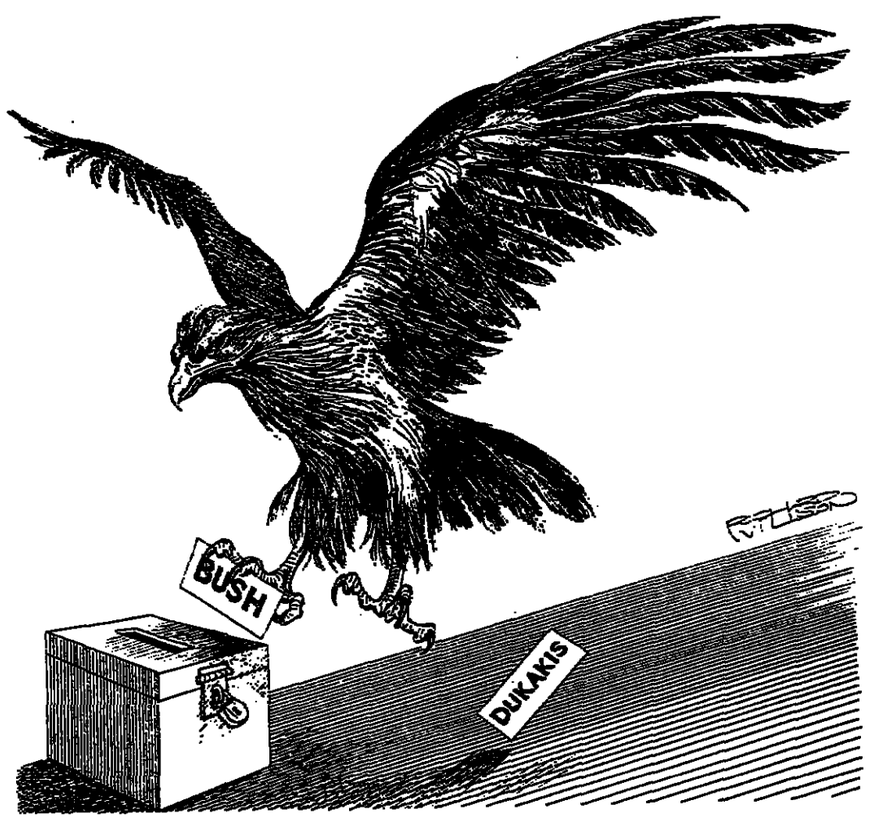
The third event was the last televised debate, in which Bush was more relaxed and more confident while Dukakis not only failed to give effective answers but seemed dull and unhappy. He looked like a loser on what was his last real chance to turn the election around.

The cards were always stacked against Dukakis. This was in part a referendum on Ronald Reagan. There were no big issues. A vote for Bush was a vote for continued peace and prosperity. A vote for Dukakis was a much higher risk.

Yet Dukakis could have won. Majorities of Americans, in spite of the Reagan legacy, told us throughout the election that they would like the new president to "start with new policies" and break with the past rather than "continue in the direction we are headed". But Dukakis, unlike Kennedy in 1960, failed to convince that he was the man to chart this new course, and the majority favouring change fell steadily as the campaign progressed.

There are some big "what ifs" in this election. What if Dukakis had counter-attacked earlier that *Bush's TV commercials were* dishonest distortions of his record? What if he had been on his best form for the second debate? What if he had discovered the effective, fighting style of the last 10 days, which generated the most excited crowds of the campaign, six weeks earlier? Two out of three voters who made up their minds in the closing days of the campaign voted for Dukakis. It was too little and too late. The ultimate irony is that Dukakis, *who ran on a platform of* competence, a theme which left the electorate cold, lost in part because of the incompetence of his campaign.

George Bush made mistakes too; he chose Dan Quayle. One day we'll learn why. Even if Quayle proves to be better than we all fear, he was a big vote-loser who, in a closer election, could have made the difference.



Voting is an emotional as much as an intellectual process. Americans were choosing their next king and prime minister, trying to decide who *would deal better with* issues and crises that are still in the future. The personal characteristics of the candidates were more critical than the issues. George Bush won, in part, because of his experience in government, defence and foreign affairs. Dukakis lost, not just because many voters thought him too liberal, but because he failed to convince enough people that he had the personality and leadership qualities that the job requires. People, whether or not *they voted for him, admired his* gutsy come-from-behind fighting spirit. But 65 per cent of the electorate felt he did not have the experience a president should have.

What do the election results – the Democratic gains in both houses of Congress and in state capitals, as well as George Bush's victory – mean for the future? Bush, like all winners, is already claiming a mandate but it's hard to know what it is for. He has a mandate for continued peace and prosperity, and for not raising taxes, but not much else. *The election results were not a* vote for an ideology, but for compromise and moderation.

The more successful presidents, from Franklin Roosevelt to Ronald Reagan, have been able to use their popularity to appeal to the public over the heads of Congress, to coerce congressmen to support their programmes. It's hard to imagine Bush doing that successfully. He knows Washington, he is liked personally by many Democrats, and he has a reputation of choosing good people (Quayle apart). He will need all this and *more if he is to have a major* legislative impact. We will learn just how good a manager and a wheeler-dealer he is.

The rest of the world can take comfort that the transition will be smooth and that a new president and secretary of state will not need on-the-job training, unlike Reagan in 1980 and Carter in 1976. James Baker, the new Secretary of State, comes to the job not only with strong international experience but a record of successes, including, of course, that of "handler-in-chief" of Bush's victory.

With a little luck, Bush will have a six-month honeymoon. The quadrennial American ritual of undoing the divisiveness of the election, of binding up the wounds of defeat has already begun. Even a self-confident Democratic Congress will want to wait until the middle of 1989 before directly challenging or confronting the new president.

The unhappiest legacy of the election is the widespread belief that this was a particularly nasty campaign, in which the issues (what were they?) were given scant attention and negative TV commercials counted for more than the candidates themselves. It seemed at times to be an election between the handlers, the campaign managers, the media experts, the writers of one-liners and the orchestrators of "sound-bites", rather than the candidates themselves.

Three out of every five voters said they were unhappy with having to choose between Bush and Dukakis and would have liked another choice. Bush was genuinely angered by the attacks on *him at the* Democratic convention, although he claims not to have watched it. He came back fighting. Dukakis would have done better if he had become angry sooner.

Yet, when the dust has settled, I don't think we will see this as an unusually nasty campaign. Neither candidate had a feeling for the jugular. Americans like to recall, with admiration, Harry Truman's upset victory in 1948, but his campaign was much rougher. He compared Dewey to Hitler and Mussolini. The campaign so turned off the public that this was the last time that less than half of all adult Americans turned out to vote.

Truman's contemporaries would have been amazed by the verdict of most historians that he was one of the best presidents. We should never forget the wisdom of Speaker Reed's remark that "a statesman is a dead politician". Here's hoping that, whatever his contemporaries may feel about Bush, history will be kind to him also.

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Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Pension rights and wrongs

By its recent actions and by other clues to its thinking, the Government is supplying material that its opponents will produce at the next election as evidence supporting their main charge against Mrs Thatcher. This is that, although it tempers its overriding sympathy for the rich achiever with the wealthy man's traditional concept of charity for the very poor, the Government has little instinctive concern for a broader concept of social justice embracing those who have a comparatively hard time in a relatively undramatic way.

It is possible to argue that this charge will not much matter politically when the choice is once again between the Tories and a Labour Party which is disliked for its class obsession, its statism, its sympathy with arbitrary trade unionism, its lack of sympathy with most people's wish for personal responsibility, and its extremists. It may be assumed that faced once more with Mr Kinnock and his followers, Mrs Thatcher cannot fail to win. But such thinking resembles that usually marking the high point of a bull market when it comes to be believed that what has gone so far up cannot possibly fall. After all, there is at least an outside possibility that enough discontented voters will again come to believe that the new centre party of Democrats is a sufficiently realistic third option to deprive the Conservatives of an overall victory.

Such is the political context in *which to consider the current* case against the Government on social grounds, from the poll tax which charges many people at a flat rate for services which they may not use (education, for instance) instead of as taxation according to income, to the freezing of child benefit and charges for eye tests and dental check-ups. Now there is suspicion after Nigel Lawson's briefing that targeting extra means-tested help to poorer pensioners might be at the expense of universal benefits.

This has been emphatically denied and there is no reason to doubt that the ordinary pension and free prescription charges for pensioners are sacrosanct. But the terms in which the broader question of social provision is now being discussed and the renewed emphasis on relating benefits to the means of the recipient encourage lingering misgivings.

There are two ways of looking at social provision. One is the principle of universality by right; the other is welfare according to need. Socialists are instinctively drawn towards universal state provision and redistribution and regard means tests as demeaning. Conservatives, on the other *hand, wish to encourage market* forces and private responsibility, including personal savings and provision for pensions, insurance and other forms of support in later life or hard times. They accept that the state has an obligation both to provide special help for those in need and to provide basic universal insurance cover for pensions, *health care and unemployment.* But the flaw they see in universal provision is that instead of being properly funded it is provided in large part from taxation instead of purely by insurance contributions.

Moreover, as calls on limited financial resources rise, particularly with the increase in the number of pensioners as a proportion of the population, thinking turns increasingly towards ways of de-emphasizing universal provision which benefits those not deemed to be "in need" as well as those who are.

The point to be grasped is that in social provision there are two broad and overlapping elements, insurance and welfare. So far as pensions are concerned the point is easily taken that the insurance principle is basic. Whether through national insurance contributions or taxation, every citizen pays in to receive a flat-rate pension as a matter of entitlement and the same applies to health care. It might be better if the Government was not responsible for running either the pension or the health service and was responsible merely for overseeing the insurance provisions. But the insurance cover is the key to every citizen's dignified entitlement to use the NHS and to a basic pension.

The same principle should apply to such other provisions as *charges for eye tests.* Lord Thorneycroft has declared that though not a rich man he does not need free eye tests. But many who are thus well off go private anyway (costing the Government nothing) and for all I know Lord Thorneycroft is among them. Those to whom free routine tests are important are the pensioners and others who are *not in poverty but are the rather* poor – particularly the retired – who may be tempted to a small and unwise economy.

Similarly, a minimum pension from whatever source should be an entitlement regardless of means whether it is paid for through the state and taxation or privately. Means should not come into it, nor should the concept of state charity. Moreover, even in the welfare aspects of state provision, there is a redistributive insurance element which takes account of the fact that in their working lives the contribution of very many men and women to the community is not reflected by a capacity to save for a pension or health insurance.

The services of a fireman to the community is (at the least) no less than that of the merchant banker but because of the disparity of skills they cannot be equally remunerated for daily living. But the principle of a community insurance system does something to rectify this when it comes to pension, health care and other forms of need.

It is clear that extra provision for need should be means tested and that there is waste through state hand-outs, particularly by local government. But there are deeper questions to ask than simply how to test need or gear help to a "small minority" of very poor pensioners when there are so many living near the poverty line.

Nor is it a help to point to the "well-off" pensioners who own their own houses which they have to live in with a relatively small disposable income. All that does is to incur the suspicion that while the tax cuts given to encourage the enterprise *of the very rich are sacrosanct*, when it comes to finding money for those in real need, the cash may have to be found from those in the category just above the really poor.

It is this suspicion that now threatens the reputation of the Government, which should describe much more precisely the principles that guide it.

NOV 10 ON THIS DAY 1849

The murder of Patrick O'Connor by Frederick George Manning and his Swiss wife Marie became a cause célèbre. At their public execution on the 13th Mrs Manning wore a black satin dress – resulting in satin becoming unpopular for a number of years.

THE BERMONDSEY MURDER

MANNING TO HIS WIFE

"I address you as a fellow-sinner and a fellow-sufferer, and not as my wife, since the contract must be considered as cancelled, extending as it does only until death and not beyond it, and both of us standing as we do on the brink of eternity. We may already consider ourselves as cut off from the world. The consciousness of this truth does not, however, prevent me from expressing my earnest solicitude for the happiness of your soul as well as my own. I do, therefore, beseech and implore of you to be truthful in all you utter, and that you may not be tempted to yield to any evil suggestions of the enemy of our souls' welfare to question for an instant the solemn truth that we shall shortly appear before our God in judgment – that His eye is upon us now. The time, though not, so far as I can learn, precisely fixed when we are to be launched into eternity, but we may be quite sure and certain that it is close at hand. And now, by all kindly feelings we have at any time entertained towards each other, I earnestly pray that you will look to God for the pardon you need, and of which I feel my own need also. Believe me, I upbraid you not, but trust you will be assured that I forgive every one, as I pray and hope to be forgiven by God; and now I close, as my feelings are too acute to write more. May the Lord be merciful, and may He be so consistent with His promises. Let us be truthful and sincere in all we say and do. This is the last letter you will ever receive from me . . ."

"F G MANNING.

"Written on the 29th of October, 1849, in the condemned cell, Horsemonger-lane Gaol."

MARIA MANNING TO HER HUSBAND

"I am far away from my happy native land on account of this contract and this land which you have made to me a captivity. The peace and well-being of society, the laws of truth, which you have broken, have alike demanded my banishment from the country which gave me birth. But I am not going away from God; He is everywhere alike present, and at all times gracious to those that seek His mercy and His favour. What has brought me into this eternal consequence? If you live and die unforgiven by God, though these sins will be punished by the laws of man, they are still all registered by the only God. All that I have to say is this – I never made any statement of any kind to injure or condemn you in this matter. I am here condemned only by your statement . . . All I have to beg of you now is to state facts, as you know that I was not in the house when O'Connor met with his death; but I was gone to see for him, and during that time he called in my absence, and was shot by that young man from Guernsey who was with you in the back parlour smoking; but that I did not know anything about it until the Saturday, and that it was all settled in the kitchen . . .

"I humbly look to thee, O Lord. Thou hast set forth as a propitiation for the remission of sins that are past through Thy forbearance. I cannot write any longer. God bless you, and have mercy on us both."

M. MANNING"

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PRESIDENT ELECT

The victory won by Vice-President Bush over Governor Michael Dukakis was by a decisive margin — if not quite deserving the term "landslide". In the other polls held on Tuesday, the Republicans never looked like threatening Democratic control of the House of Representatives and the Senate. In that "ticket-splitting" pattern lies a long-term political problem for the Democrats and a short-term problem of government for the President who will be *inaugurated* in January.

The problem facing the Democrats has been identified by many of its strategists but is by no means solved. It is symbolized by the party's poor performance in the South. If Governor Dukakis's running mate, Senator Lloyd Bentsen, had been the presidential candidate and run on the positions he had taken before becoming a national candidate, he would have run Mr Bush very close and perhaps won. But, with those positions, he could never have won the Democratic nomination.

American political parties are ideologically and institutionally more flexible than their European counterparts. Four defeats in the last five presidential contests by no means makes a Democratic revival in the South impossible. But it makes it hard.

President-elect Bush faces a different problem from that faced by President Reagan when he started to enact his manifesto in the face of a Democratic Congress in 1980. Then, a specific set of commitments existed which could be presented as a mandate. Now there is no such list of priorities.

There is a self-evident need for a programme to be formulated by any president; in this case there is a particularly urgent need. Using a freedom under the Constitution which still leaves many European observers baffled, the Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Jim Wright, believes in running as much of an alternative policy as he can in defiance of the White House.

Mr Bush has made only the most limited statements on the deficit. Little credibility has been accorded to what little he has said. This promises trouble. Mr Bush and his aides have, in the course of the campaign, already mortgaged one of Mr Reagan's most important legacies: his commitment to free trade. With an eye to votes in Texas and California, he supported the Rice Millers' Association's petition, the first under the 1988 US Trade Act, for action by the Administration to force Japan to open its market to US rice. Only the day before the election, when he was comfortably ahead, he gave way to Pennysylvania lobbyists and agreed to extend the US quotas on steel imports beyond the date, September 1989, when they were due to expire.

These concessions set precedents which may come back to haunt him. Any American defection from the principles of non-discriminatory treatment has, by virtue of its economic importance, dramatic effects on international trade. President Reagan, in signing the trade Act this August, expressed grave reservations about the scope it provided for protectionist restrictions, warning that "protectionism protects no one, not even the special interests that want it so much".

He followed words with action, vetoing a Bill limiting imports of textiles and shoes in September, and approving the Administration's decision a fortnight ago to reject the rice growers' complaint. Such firmness against Congressional pressures will be even more vital if the US is to maintain its leverage as the natural champion of a free global-trading system in the current, extremely sensitive stages of the Uruguay Round negotiations. It will also weaken its case against protectionist tendencies in the European Community's preparations for the single market of 1992.

The free-trade legacy need never have been jeopardized: the President-elect had no protectionist record before this campaign. He has acquired one, opportunistically and almost certainly unnecessarily, in the last few weeks.

The Bush campaign won by describing general values — mostly inherited from the Reagan era. The best advice to the new President is to recognize that inheritance, to hope to re-create at least some of his predecessor's rapport with the American people, and then to use his greater "hands-on" political skills to turn programme into practice, despite the efforts of Capitol Hill.

BORROWERS AND LEARNERS

The principle behind guaranteed public loans to students is sound and clear. Loans to help pay living expenses during higher education were heralded by Lord Robbins in his celebrated report a quarter of a century ago. Loans form the basis of functioning schemes in socialist Sweden and capitalist America.

There are at least three groups in society with an interest in board-and-lodging finance — parents, other taxpayers, and the students themselves. Loans, added to the current mix of grants and parental contributions, create a better balance between those interest groups.

While the Government has a responsibility to pay for the benefits to the country at large of a better educated population, individual students enhance their earnings prospects as well as their cultural and intellectual capacity by their time in higher education. They should be enabled to contribute more in financial terms too.

Yesterday's White Paper, delayed and disputed as it has been, should meet wide approval. Mr Kenneth Baker has performed an undoubted feat in securing a reform which eluded his predecessor, Sir Keith Joseph. But there will be problems ahead — and some of them are there from the start.

In public finance, any reform worth its salt will discomfit some who presently enjoy a benefit. The Government has an obligation to make the transition from one system to another as painless as possible. The long lead-in for loans helps. Removing students from the social security system by denying them income support and housing benefit makes sense.

But the Government may have to think again whether it is not condemning some future students to unnecessary and undesirable hardship. Mr Baker has come up with three trust funds, to be administered by the colleges and universities themselves. These are a good idea — if they are sufficient.

The traditional Treasury objection to loans has been the initial cost and the long period of time before benefits accrue. Evidently Mr Baker has cut a very fine deal with Mr Lawson over the savings to be made by cutting off students from social security and the cost of a loans scheme which will produce its own savings only in the third decade of the 21st century. We hope it is not cut too fine.

The Government says another object of this reform is to expand *access* to higher education. Mr Baker does not mean mass intake into Oxford and Cambridge, or indeed into Stirling and Keele. He wants more students taking degrees at institutions which do not fit the traditional model of the university. What he envisages is more students, assisted by loans, for the considerably cheaper degrees offered, for example, by the Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology.

He and his junior colleague, Mr Robert Jackson, have yet to communicate to the public how the new hierarchy of institutions will work. Certainly "access" will apply to a much more heterogeneous set of colleges than exists now.

The Government proposes that loans will make it easier for more students — including more from poorer backgrounds — to take degrees. It is clear that Mr Baker's financial concessions from the Treasury represent the limit of what even a clever minister can squeeze out. Yet more students mean more expenditure, whether directly on their grants (which of course continue, albeit frozen in value) or on public guarantees for their loans.

Taken alone this financial package is an intriguing beginning to a great and much-needed resolution of problems in maintaining students that have been obvious ever since the expansion of higher education in the 1960s and 1970s. But it would be incautious to read it by itself. Universities are fighting (often with commendable resolve) both to augment their non-state income and to justify the high cost of their courses by high standards. Student loans are only a part of that pattern — whose whole is not yet as clear as it might be.

SPORTING CHECKPOINT

The members-only scheme for football matches, as outlined yesterday by the Minister of Sport, is a sad but inevitable consequence of bad behaviour. Such a scheme began to win Government favour in 1985, after the riot at the Heysel Stadium, Brussels, in which 39 football supporters died. Violence during this summer's European Championship in West Germany made its introduction an imperative.

From half-way through next season, all who wish to attend a match in England and Wales will first have to apply for a membership card through one of the 92 league clubs. The card, with a photograph affixed, will be fed into a computer-controlled turnstile. All those who have been convicted of football violence will find the cards (and themselves) rejected.

The system has its imperfections. Although the scanning time may be only 2.5 seconds, it is likely to cause congestion. More seriously, the scheme will deter casual fans. While eight million people might watch football in a season, many do so only once or twice. If irregulars now have to join a club first, they might very well stay at home and dig the garden.

Not only will the scheme itself be expensive for the clubs, but the loss of casual spectators could push struggling sides towards insolvency. Nor is there any guarantee that those who are determined to break the law will not succeed in doing so, whatever measures are taken to prevent them.

The Football League has presented the view that violence at matches has been decreasing, particularly inside the grounds. Vandalism and more serious crime associated with the game are said to be generally committed outside the grounds, and so outside the control of electronic turnstiles. Such objections, however, can be largely overruled. While many offences may take place elsewhere, the trouble is clearly associated with the game. If its perpetrators know they cannot get into the ground, they are much less likely to congregate there in the first place.

The impact may not be felt immediately, but it must be hoped that the link between football and hooliganism will be weakened. The safer clubs can make their grounds, the more police can be spared to control the crowds elsewhere. Moreover, it is hard to believe that no system can be devised to cope with the casual, honest fan. Provision can surely be made at football grounds for people (with proof of identity) to join on the spot, after routine checks with the central data bank.

Watching football may not be quite as easy in the future as it has been in the past. But it should be safer. The price will be worth paying if the good image of the game can be restored. The league has just signed a £44 million deal with ITV. If necessary, some of that money might be used to help introduce the scheme.

Certainly, something serious must be done. With policing *outside* the grounds now costing an estimated £30 million a year, there is a public demand for urgent action. Given the failure of most clubs to act on their own, the Government has correctly taken the initiative.

There are bound to be teething troubles, and questions which need careful answers: which offences, for instance, might put people on the black list? But these should not be used to excuse inaction. The overall effect of the scheme promises to be beneficial. All parties should now combine to make it work.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prospect of an EEC florin

From Mr Stuart Campbell

Sir, Lord Plumb, at the CBI national conference (report, November 8) is reported as saying that as exchange rates become more stable the role of a common currency will steadily become more obvious.

All we need in the first place to institute a common currency is an agreement on its standard units. (*We agreed on a standard passport* without giving thought to a European central passport office.)

We must, however, arrange for the ungainly and uninspiring Ecu to perish and give place to something rather more attractive. *Amour propre* among the partners would exclude pounds, francs, marks or other, but one of the oldest coins in Europe, in circulation at one time or another in many of our ancient states, could well be the answer.

I refer, of course, to the florin, first minted in 1252. Subdivision into 100 cents would probably not be necessary for today's economies, and a florin of 10 "denars" would be adequate.

Let us suppose that each state were to mint and print its florins with its own heraldry on the face and a common symbol (the original lilies perhaps) on the obverse, standardizing weight and size for coins and notes, and to issue them on an agreed date to replace the Ecu at its value at that time. Then we would have an overwhelming basis for exchange equality within the Community, and an interchangeable legal tender. The remaining European states could accede at will.

The advantages to commercial interests (and to the poor tourist) would be enormous. The alternative — to continue with 12 different currencies over an area a quarter of that of the United States is, if you think about it, quite absurd.

Yours faithfully,
STUART CAMPBELL,
Huset, Whyteladyes Lane,
Cookham, Berkshire.
November 8.

Nuclear waste

From Mr D. Hindley

Sir, In view of the large amount of radioactive waste coming from nuclear power stations it seems to me that a good method of disposal would be to encase the waste in concrete and bury it in desert regions where it rarely if ever rains. The lack of water would prevent pollution of water supplies, and strong winds would not affect waste buried in concrete.

Third World countries such as Tunisia and Morocco could be paid a reasonable fee for having this waste in their deserts, which would aid their economy as well as helping European countries to dispose of their waste. The USA could use their own deserts such as Death Valley, California, and the Soviet Union could also use their deserts.

Chemical waste could also be disposed of in this way, and I am sure it would be far better than dumping it in a country like ours with high rainfall, or at sea, to the detriment of marine life.

Yours faithfully,
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Coventry, West Midlands.
November 1.

Priorities of the old

From Dr Norman J. Vetter

Sir, In relation to the recent statement by the Chancellor on the financial status of the retired, your readers might be interested to know that, in a study performed by this unit, we asked a group of people aged 75 and over how they would spend any extra disposable income.

In a reasonably prosperous town in South Wales one half of them said that extra income would be spent on additional heating, and a further 16 per cent that they would spend the money on better-quality food.

Such responses do not suggest that a high proportion are well provided for.

Yours faithfully,
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Putting the Tories back in Ulster

From Mr P. W. Duncanson

Sir, In your report "'Ulster Tories' plan set to fail" (November 1), Mr Peter Brooke, the Conservative Party chairman, is quoted as saying that allowing Conservatives in Northern Ireland to join the Conservative Party and to put up candidates in the normal way would "increase the risk of more anti-Union candidates being elected and strengthen the Nationalist hold on seats they have already won", and *that this would* "weaken the forces in favour of maintaining the Union".

Mr Brooke's attitude is remarkably out of tune with the general thrust of his party's policies and actions over the last 15 years, starting with the Northern Ireland (Border Poll) Act 1972, and represented most recently by article 1 of the Anglo-Irish Accord, 1985, which, as has been repeatedly stressed by the Prime Minister, safeguards the Union of Northern Ireland with Great Britain. These policies and actions, which are intended to remove the pro-Union/anti-Union issue from day-to-day politics in Northern Ireland, are now beginning to bear fruit.

It is no longer necessary for Unionists to huddle together in one or more political parties devoted to the single issue of the Union, and of little point for Nationalists to huddle together in single-issue Nationalist parties. Individual Unionists and Nationalists can now come together in normal political parties to co-operate on the basis of shared views on social, economic and other issues, in the same way that people with varying personal preferences on European Community membership and the development of the EC work together in Mr Brooke's own party.

It is being increasingly recognised by local people that the only parties that can exercise political power in Northern Ireland are the national parties, until now Conservative and Labour, in the future maybe SDP and SLD. The local parties have been seen to be virtually impotent, however strong their local electoral support. This growing recognition was given a great impetus by the introduction of the Anglo-Irish Accord, done as it was without consultation with the members and supporters of the purely provincial parties, thus demonstrating the sheer powerlessness and pointlessness of such parties.

Mr Brooke's comments seem to be based on an expectation that his party would attract support only from Unionists and not Nationalists. Why? Both these groupings bring together individuals from all parts of the political spectrum. There are plenty of conservatively-minded Roman Catholics who currently vote for a nationalist party, and indeed if one looks at their fellow Catholic Irish in the Irish Republic one sees a marked preference for right-of-centre politics. Surely, the Conservative Party currently has among its members and supporters many people of Northern Irish Catholic birth or descent. Why should their relatives resident in Northern Ireland be *debarred from joining them in the* same party?

Yours faithfully,
P. W. DUNCANSON,
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Lisburn, Co. Antrim.

From Mr Peter Clarke

Sir, Mr Peter Brooke, the Chairman of the Conservative Party, has warned the National Union of the party not to let any Tories in Ulster affiliate, when they meet to discuss North Down's application on November 10. He says a Conservative presence in Ulster would dilute the Unionist vote.

His solicitude for Dr Paisley's majority is baffling, but in Ulster's local authorities and in the three-member Euro-constituency the proportional representation that is in force makes nonsense of Mr Brooke's argument about splitting the Unionist vote.

The IRA can hardly have a result more favourable to their purposes than the Tory Party's exclusion of Ulster from its organisation and membership.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CLARKE,
Kirton House, Kirton Manor,
Peebles, Tweeddale.

From Mrs Teresa Gorman, MP for Billericay (Conservative), and others

Sir, On November 10 the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations will consider a request from the newly-formed North Down Conservative Association for affiliation.

At this year's Scottish Conservative conference the Prime Minister pointed out that we are a party of the whole United Kingdom. It is therefore, an anomaly that Ulster citizens are unable to vote for Conservative candidates.

We believe the time has come to remedy this situation and allow the people of Ulster to put up official Conservative candidates for local, European and central government elections. We therefore urge the National Union to accept this application.

Yours etc.,
TERESA GORMAN,
HENRY BELLINGHAM,
TEDDY TAYLOR,
ANDREW HUNTER,
MICHAEL BROWN,
BARRY FIELD,
House of Commons.

Fear of targets in broadcasting

From Mr Rob McLoughlin

Sir, In today's editorial (November 8) you state that the needs of advertisers "have long been the most neglected in the broadcasting debate" and you point out that they lost the battle to advertise on the BBC.

If you are welcoming an era where broadcasters will only make programmes which deliver the right target audience demanded by the advertiser, then you are betraying an important principle which has sustained British commercial broadcasting for 32 years — that advertisers buy air time but do not influence or dictate the content of the programmes.

So far commercial broadcasters have been freed from the fear that a controversial or revelatory programme could cost them thousands (if not millions) in lost revenue. Will that fear become too overpowering to allow certain types of programming in the future?

Broadcasters do welcome the *expansion* of TV and radio but we also want to make sure that the BBC flourishes and that ITV (or Channel 3) and Channel Four are allowed to provide a range of good-quality popular and minority programming in the years to come. Satellite and cable TV do not threaten this directly; tampering with the financial base of ITV and the BBC does.

As you state, the TV revolution may provide "a significant boost for the economy", but the American experience suggests that pleasing the advertiser often limits the range of programmes on offer to the viewer.

Yours faithfully,
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Falklands fishing

From Sir Peter Scott

Sir, The International Whaling Commission has no sanctions to enforce its current decision to obtain a moratorium on all commercial whaling, apart from international public opinion and diplomatic pressure. But the Falkland Islanders are now hoping to persuade Japan to stop whaling by refusing squid-fishing licences to Japanese companies.

In a remarkable initiative, nearly half of the entire Falklands population have signed a petition calling on their Government not to renew the licences for squid-fishing in the Falklands 150-mile conservation zone, unless Japan abandons its plans to continue its so-called "scientific whaling" in the Antarctic in the coming season. These licences are worth $100 million to Japan.

Earlier this year the USA cut Japan off from fishing in the US exclusive economic zone because of their continued whaling, but Japanese fishing off the US had already shrunk to a low level before the ban was imposed. By contrast, the Falkland Islands have an opportunity to exert real economic pressure on Japan.

We should all give strong support to the Falkland Islanders, and I very much hope that the Falkland Islands Government will this week decide to refuse the fishing licences to Japan. So many people in all countries are appalled by the unnecessary slaughter of the great whales, and they will be enormously grateful to the Falklanders for this action in helping to enforce the whaling moratorium.

Yours faithfully,
PETER SCOTT,
The New Grounds,
Slimbridge,
Gloucester.
November 8.

Bench discipline

From his Honour Judge Michael Walker

Sir, Circuit judges are experienced in sitting with magistrates when deciding issues of fact (letter, November 5). This happens on appeal against conviction from the magistrates' court to the crown court. When announcing the result of the appeal the judge publicly reviews the law and gives reasons for the decisions of the Bench on conflicting points of evidence in the case. It is a very useful discipline.

Incidentally your recent series on the jury (October 24, 25, 26) had as its logo a gavel. I do not know where your team of researchers saw one of those. It forms no part of the furniture of any court I have been in.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WALKER,
The Crown Court,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

Flea in the ear

From Mr Alexander Rutt

Sir, Yesterday British Rail transported me in first-class style from Paddington to Bristol, except for one thing. I was forced to listen to some of my fellow travellers having various loud telephone conversations on their personal portable telephones for most of the journey.

Perhaps British Rail could consider "no-portable-telephone carriages" — or am I being unduly sensitive or envious?

Yours sincerely,
ALEC RUTT,
187 Farleigh Road,
Warlingham, Surrey.
November 9.

Prince and architects

From Mr Michael Westwood

Sir, I welcome the increasing debate on architecture that is being stimulated by the Prince's view, so cogently aired in his recent television programme, and I am sure that architects would acknowledge that there have been many poor buildings constructed since the last war.

What worries me, however, is that the Prince appears to be laying the blame solely at the door of the profession, without addressing the profound social, political, and economic change in the country that took place after the war.

The urgent need for reconstruction on a massive scale, allied to limited funds, did not provide the atmosphere for fostering high-quality decorative architecture of the kind favoured by the Prince. Many new building methods were tried in order to meet this need and some have clearly failed, but it has to be remembered that every building is a prototype; budgets very seldom run to exhaustive testing such as takes place in the car or aircraft industries.

Today's need for intensively-serviced buildings means that between one quarter and one half of the cost of buildings is devoted to services, as compared to the minute proportions before the 20th century. As a result, there is less money available for quality materials and decorative arts. Quality architecture also requires the will of the client, a properly responsive planning committee and consummate skill from the builder to ensure its success.

If the Prince can make both public and private clients aware of the need for significantly increased budgets, better patronage and commitment then I am sure that he will not find the profession unwilling to respond, thus ensuring that this country has a legacy of excellent 20th-century architecture.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WESTWOOD,
The Westwood Partnership,
(Chartered architects),
22 Suffolk Street, SW1.
November 3.

Held in Soviet Union

From Dr Philip Walters

Sir, The Soviet Ambassador (November 7) declares that only 11 "political prisoners" remain in the Soviet Union. Keston College has confirmed information about 54 religious believers detained in the USSR for activities motivated by their faith, with a further 93 religious prisoners whose continued detention or release we cannot confirm.

Although disagreeing over the figures, we welcome the substantial reduction in the number of Soviet prisoners of conscience over the past two years and hope that this downward trend will continue until all can agree that there are no longer any prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP WALTERS
(Head of Research),
Keston College, Heathfield Road,
Keston, Kent.
November 7.

From the President of Scientists for the Release of Soviet Refuseniks

Sir, Making use of various figures, the Soviet Ambassador seeks to demonstrate there is a marked improvement in his country"s record on human rights. In some areas signs of improvement are certainly apparent. However, it strikes me that he tries to evade the straighiforward question about long-term refuseniks.

May we ask that he direct his attention to the main issue, namely, that a very large number of scientists and engineers are detained in the Soviet Union on grounds of "state secrets".

The international scientific community regards it as entirely implausible to attribute "knowledge of secrets" to individuals barred from scientific activity for 10, 15 or more years.

Could Mr Zamyatin provide a sound reason for issuing a new refusal on November 1 to Leonid Shabashov, a physical chemist, detained since 1984 and now to be barred from emigration until at least 1993? Could he justify the refusal issued to Irina Lein (detained since 1978) whose former employer, Dr Svidersky, has attested that she holds no secrets?

What is one to make of the refusal issued to Professor Boris Livshitz in March this year which constitutes a reversal of a positive decision to allow him to leave, reached on July 13, 1987?

Professor Irina Voronkevich was recently told that her case could not be reviewed before 1996 — when she will be 84 years old. Could Mr Zamyatin please explain?

Yours faithfully,
NEVILL MOTT, President,
Scientists for the Release of Soviet Refuseniks,
4A New College Parade, NW3.
November 8.

More sex please?

From Dr Trefor Vaughan

Sir, Have you noticed how the word "gender" is rapidly replacing the work "sex", for example in recent correspondence (October 31) about revisions of Cambridge University statutes? "Sex" refers to differences that are genetic. "Gender" refers to much more superficial distinctions, such as those in languages where the distinctions between masculine and feminine gender often appear to be arbitrary.

When we use this word "gender" to refer to actual sexual differences between men and women are we not subtly degrading the truth in favour of fashionable eccentricities?

Yours truly,
TREFOR VAUGHAN,
University of London,
Institute of Education,
Department of Child Development and Primary Education,
24-27 Woburn Square, WC1.
November 6.

Festive mishaps

From Mrs Jane Grinsted

Sir, My pride at baking early a Christmas cake took a tumble, when I found my 18-year-old son had unwittingly sampled a slice!

I have not felt so affronted since, years back, the cat attacked our festive turkey as it hung in the shed and I was left trussing a one-legged bird.

Yours faithfully,
JANE GRINSTED,
The Rectory, 2 The Stream,
Ditton,
Maidstone, Kent.
November 7.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 9: The President of the Republic of Senegal this morning at Buckingham Palace received the Right Hon. Neil Kinnock, M.P. (Leader of the Opposition).

His Excellency afterwards received a call from Mr Roland Rowland (Chief Executive) and Mr. B.F. Dunlop (Executive Director) Lonrho plc, and Mr. David Libon (Economic Adviser to the Senegalese Government) at Buckingham Palace.

The President of the Republic of Senegal later drove to St. James's Palace in a Carriage Procession, accompanied by a Captain's Escort with Standard of the Household Cavalry, and received High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors in London.

The President of the Republic of Senegal visited No 10 Downing Street where His Excellency had talks with the Prime Minister and, afterwards, with Madame Abdou Diouf, was entertained at luncheon by the Prime Minister on behalf of Her Majesty's Government.

His Excellency this afternoon received a call from Sirdar Aly Aziz (Chairman, Dashwood Finance Co. Ltd) at Buckingham Palace.

The President of the Republic of Senegal later attended a reception at the Senegalese Ambassador's residence for Members of the Senegalese Community.

Madame Abdou Diouf subsequently met wives of Ambassadors from neighbouring Countries to Senegal at the Senegalese Ambassador's residence.

His Excellency this afternoon at Buckingham Palace received the Right Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, M.P. (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs).

The President of the Republic of Senegal and Madame Abdou Diouf this evening received an Address of Welcome at a Court of Common Council and afterwards was entertained at a Banquet by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at Guildhall.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this morning opened the new Chapter House of Southwark Cathedral.

Having been received by the Mayor of Southwark (Councillor R. Sargeant), the Provost of Southwark Cathedral (the Very Reverend David Edwards), and the Bishop of Southwark (the Right Reverend Ronald Bowlby), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the Chapter House.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently attended a Service of Thanksgiving in Southwark Cathedral.

The Countess of Airlie, Mr. Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P. (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, attended a luncheon for the Sponsors of the International Youth Skill Olympics '88 at Claridge's.

Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt. was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President of the Trustees, attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Westminster Abbey Trust at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel in Chief, this evening attended the annual dinner of the Officers of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly.

Captain Michael Chitty was in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Patron of the Cambridge Youth Theatre, this evening attended a charity performance of 'The Heart of a Dog' by the CYT at the Half Moon Theatre, Mile End in aid of the Cambridge/Kings College (London) Paediatric Liver Transplant Programme.

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, attended by Mrs. Timothy Holderness-Roddam, arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Switzerland.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars, this afternoon received Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart Balmain, former Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at a Gala performance of the Peterborough Gang Show at the Key Theatre, Peterborough, to mark the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Gang Show.

Mrs. Michael Harvey was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester was present this evening at a reception to mark the 5th Anniversary of the inception of English Heritage at Ironmongers' Hall, London EC2.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

November 9: The Duke of Kent was present at the Memorial Service for Basil de Ferranti which was held in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, today.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, today opened the Earl Mountbatten House Day Centre at Newport, Isle of Wight.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs. Alan Henderson.

Anniversaries

Births: Martin Luther, Eisleben, Germany, 1483; Paracelsus, physician, Einsiedeln, Switzerland, 1493; Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex, soldier and courtier, Netherwood, Herefordshire, 1566; Francois Couperin (Le Grand), composer, Paris, 1668; William Hogarth, London, 1697; Oliver Goldsmith, Kilkenny West, co Westmeath, 1730; Johann Christoph Schiller, dramatist and poet, Marbach, Germany, 1759; Sir John Thompson, prime minister of Canada 1892-93, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1844; Sir Jacob Epstein, New York, 1880; Richard Burton, Pontrhydfen, 1925.

Deaths: Richard Chancellor, navigator and trader, Pitsligo Bay, Aberdeenshire, 1556; Gideon Mantell, geologist, London, 1852; Arthur Rimbaud, poet, Marseilles, 1891.

Henry Morton Stanley met Dr Livingstone at Ujiji, Tanganyika (Tanzania), 1871.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Carfrae was christened Naomi Elizabeth by Canon John Treadgold in The Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park on November 6. The godparents are Mr Piers Heyworth, Mr Alan Tinsley, Mrs Christopher Fleetwood and Mrs Niall Riddell.

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Birthdays today



Mr Harry Andrews, 77

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Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, will present the prizes to the winners of the ESU English Language Competition at 10.30, and will preside at a meeting of the English Language Committee at Buckingham Palace. As Captain General of the Royal Marines, he will attend a luncheon for the Colonels Commandant of the Royal Marines at Admiralty House at 1.00. As Grand President, he will preside at a Council Meeting of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League at Buckingham Palace at 3.30.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the Field of Remembrance at St Margaret's, Westminster, at 11.55; and, as Honorary Colonel of The Royal Yeomanry, she will attend a reception at Merchant Taylors' Hall at 6.30 to mark the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of the regiment.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of London University, will open the new building for the National Heart and Lung Institute, Dovehouse Street, Chelsea, at 10.45; and will visit St George's Hospital Medical School, Tooting, at 11.30 to open an exhibition, tour the hospital and be entertained at luncheon by the School. She will attend the annual meeting of REDR — Engineers for Disaster Relief — at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, SW1, at 4.45; and at 7.45, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, she will attend the International Yacht Racing Union dinner at the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

Princess Margaret will open the Body Scanner Unit at Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, at 11.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as president, will visit St Bartholomew's Hospital at 10.20; and, as Patron of the Normandy Veterans Association, will attend a service in Westminster Abbey at 4.55.

Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP

A Memorial Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday, December 13, at 11am for Sir John Biggs-Davison, Member of Parliament for Chigwell and Ongar and Epping Forest 1955-88.

Luncheons

Tyne Tees Television

Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, presided at the Tyne Tees Television annual luncheon held yesterday at the Hyde Park Hotel in honour of Viscount Whitelaw, CH, and Viscountess Whitelaw. Also present were:

The Hon. Douglas Hurd, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), Lord Young of Graffham (Secretary of State for Trade and Industry), Mr Stan Orme, MP (Chairman, Parliamentary Labour Party), Mr Derek Foster, MP (Chief Whip), Lord Thomson of Monifieth (chairman, Independent Broadcasting Authority), Mr David Rose (managing director, Tyne Tees Television), The Right Rev David Jenkins (Bishop of Durham), The Right Rev Alec Graham (Bishop of Newcastle), Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, and His Excellency Mr Douglas McClellan, AC (High Commissioner for Australia).

Canada/UK Chamber of Commerce

Lord Chalfont was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a luncheon of the Canada/UK Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Haberdashers' Hall. Major-General Nigel St G. Gribbon presided and the Canadian High Commissioner and Mr George Curley attended.

SCIENCE REPORT

Genetics of schizophrenia

Research showing how schizophrenia can be inherited could increase the search for the gene responsible, and ultimately for better ways of alleviating the disease. But the contradictory results obtained so far highlight the distance researchers must travel before the underlying causes of this psychiatric disease are established.

The genes that determine every person's characteristics are carried on chromosomes, like beads on a string; each cell in the body carries 23 pairs of chromosomes. Research involving seven families in Britain and Iceland by Hugh Gurling of University College and Middlesex School of Medicine in London and his colleagues provides strong evidence that a genetic defect on chromosome 5 can predispose a person towards schizophrenia. Earlier work on chromosome 5 had raised suspicions that it was somehow associated with the inheritance of predisposition towards psychiatric disorders, so it seemed a likely subject for examination.

But Kenneth Kidd of Yale University School of Medicine and his colleagues find no evidence that chromosome 5 is involved in the inheritance of schizophrenia in a family from Sweden. Both reports appear in the current issue of *Nature*.

Both Gurling's and Kidd's groups used distinctive genetic 'markers' to trace how particular pieces of chromosome 5 are passed on in families. This technique has already been used to locate the gene for Huntington's chorea (Science Report, April 22) and other inherited diseases. If one of these genetic markers is inherited in the same way as an inherited disorder, there is a strong chance that the gene in part responsible for that disorder lies close to the marker on the chromosome. Within the families they studied, Gurling and his colleagues demonstrate a very strong connection between the inheritance of schizophrenia (and some related disorders) and a genetic marker on chromosome 5. They calculate that the odds of this linkage happening by chance are greater than 3 million-to-one against.

But Kidd and his associates found no evidence of such a connection, even though they tested more genetic markers than Gurling's team. This does not mean that Gurling's result is wrong, just that it has revealed one facet of a much more complicated problem. Neither does it mean that Gurling's team has determined the physical location of a schizophrenia gene, though there is now a strong probability as to its whereabouts.

Kidd and colleagues conclude that the genetics underlying schizophrenia are not simple. There are likely to be a number of genes which, when defective, produce the symptoms of schizophrenia: the same genetic defects need not be responsible for all cases of the disease. Although the inheritance of schizophrenia in the British and Icelandic families studied by Gurling may be connected with chromosome 5, something else is behind the disease in the Swedish pedigrees analysed by Kidd and colleagues.

One of the problems with schizophrenia is that it is very hard to define rigorously, comments Eric Lander of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts, writing in the same issue of *Nature*. Even though schizophrenia has been recognized as a disease for some 80 years, there are still no rules to diagnose it. This has led to different ways of classifying the disease, and to confusion about exactly which symptoms are characteristic of schizophrenia.

It could be that different factors, both environmental and genetic, are responsible for the symptoms of schizophrenia seen in the families studied by the different research groups. And even if the root cause is genetic, a person could still have the gene and not be recognisable as a schizophrenic, if the effect of the gene is masked by the effects of other genes, or by environmental factors.

Genetic studies could shed light on the problem, by underpinning the suspicions of many researchers that schizophrenia is not one illness but a mixture of disorders, some or all of which could be genetic. They could also, in time, uncover the basic biochemical reasons why the effects of a particular gene are apparent in some people but not others. The new work could pave the way for a genetic approach to splitting schizophrenia into a collection of distinct diseases, Lander says.

Henry Gee

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Forthcoming marriages

Captain S.T.H. Andrews and Miss C.M. Richards

The engagement is announced between Simon Andrews, The Royal Anglian Regiment, son of Mrs Nan Andrews, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Mr D.L. Andrews, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Catharine Margaret, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs R.A.W. Richards, of Leckhampton, Cheltenham.

Mr T.J. Cornford and Miss K.A. Campbell

The engagement is announced between Timothy James, only son of Mrs J.E. Beviss and stepson of Dr J.E. Beviss, of Tellisford, Bath, Somerset, and Kimberly Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Campbell, of Hopedale, Massachusetts, USA.

Dr C.M. Cox and Miss L.M-A. Rowlands

The engagement is announced between Craig, son of Mr and Mrs Julian Cox, of Sneyd Park, Bristol, and Lisa Mary-Ann, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Gwyn Rowlands, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr S.R. Dawson and Miss D.L. Goodman

The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of the late Mr J.L. Dawson and Mrs O.J. Dawson, of Oxted, Surrey, and Deborah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Goodman, of Luton, Bedfordshire.

Mr S.C.A.D. Farr and Miss P.A. Burrows

The engagement is announced between Sebastian, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J.H. Farr, of Worthing, Sussex, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Burrows, of Shepshed, Leicestershire.

Mr C.A.G. Gourley and Miss M.A. Bird

The engagement is announced between Charles Alexander Gilmour, son of Dr and Mrs Charles Gourley, of 11 Cairnsden Gardens, St Andrews, Fife, and Melissa Anne, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Michael Bird, of Spring Hill House, Kingsdown, Bristol.

Mr J.E. Hardyman and Miss D.J. Manderson

The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Mr and Mrs N.T. Hardyman, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Debbie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Manderson, also of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr S.B. Harper and Miss L.J. Ferguson

The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Harper, of Weston Patrick, Hampshire, and Isobel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Ferguson, of London.

Mr M.J.D. Holden and Miss C.L. Thomas

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs E.J. Holden, of Herne, Kent, and Claire, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G. Thomas, of Penarth, South Glamorgan.

Mr J.A.S. Ball and Miss S.V. Ecroyd

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Alan Strickland Ball, of Cambridge, son of Mr Ian Strickland Ball, of Strickland House, Hove, and Turf Lodge, Crowborough, Sussex, and of the late Mrs A. Ball, and Susanna Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Ecroyd, of Low House, Armathwaite, Cumbria.

Mr A.M. Kerr and Mrs B.J.M. Crosthwaite

The engagement is announced between Allan Kerr, 3 Croft Hills, Tame Bridge, Middlesbrough, and Judy Crosthwaite, Langbaurgh Hall, Great Ayton, Middlesbrough.

Dr P.H.M. King and Miss L.M. Rushton

The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.H. King, of St Michaels, Barbados, and Lindsay, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.B. Rushton, of Holme Cottage, Ulpha, Broughton-in-Furness, Cumbria.

Mr I.R. Matthews and Miss P.A. Ingleby

The engagement is announced between Ian Robert, son of the Rev and Mrs A.J.S. Matthews, Perth, Western Australia, and Penelope Anne, daughter of the late Mr William Ingleby and of Mrs Elizabeth Ingleby, Garelochhead, Dunbartonshire, Scotland.

Mr D.P. Murton and Miss S.M. Curran

The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of the late Professor R.K. Murton and of Mrs Frances Murton, of Cambridge, and Sophie, daughter of the late Mrs Elspeth Curran, of Stafford.

Mr J.H.L. Puxley and Miss A.M. Hunter

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Puxley, of Welford Park, Newbury, and Alison, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Alick Hunter, of Walton Avenue, Middlesbrough.

Mr W.J. Robinson and Miss E.M. Goldbach

The engagement is announced between William James, son of Mr and Mrs Basil Robinson, of London, SW10, and Elisabeth Maria, daughter of Mrs Graham Rose, of London, SW1, and of Mr Heinrich Goldbach, of Seattle, Washington, USA.

Mr P.S. Sidi and Miss F.C.J. Perryman

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Alan Sidi, of Leeds, West Yorkshire, and Frances, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F.D. Perryman, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A.D. Tyldesley and Miss P.J. Dowell

The engagement is announced between Andrew Davenport, only son of Mrs D.J. Tyldesley, of Bromley, Kent, and Patricia Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Dowell, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Luncheons

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Senegal and Mme Abdou Diouf. The other guests were:

M Pape Diouf, M and Mme Ibrahima Fall, M Dilbo Ka, M Famara Ibrahima Sagna, Mme Fatoumata Ka, the Ambassador of Senegal and Mme Fall, M Bruno Diatta, M Babacar Mbaye, Colonel Lamine Cisse, Colonel Boubacar Wane, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, Mr John Wakeham, MP, and Mrs Wakeham, Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, and Mrs Parkinson, the Hon Archibald Hamilton, MP, and Mrs Hamilton, the Hon Alan Clark, MP, and Mrs Clark, Lord Somerleyton, Lady Susan Hussey, Mr David Howell, MP, Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, Professor Sir Alan and Lady Harris, Sir Peter and Lady Benenden, Sir David and Lady English, Sir Paul and Lady Gerolami, Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP, and Mrs Ashdown, Mr Tom Cox, MP, and Mrs Cox, Mr and Mrs R N Gunn, Mr A P Bamford, Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Stuart, Mr and Mrs Peregrine Worsthorne, Brigadier and Mrs G G Bailey, Mr and Mrs Richard Rathbone, Miss Joanna MacGregor, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John and Lady Fieldhouse, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Mr and Mrs John Macrae, Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, Mr Charles Powell and Mr Andrew Bearpark.

First World Congress of Herpetology

The Earl of Cranbrook (President, British Herpetological Society) was host at a luncheon on November 4, in the Cholmondeley Room, House of Lords, Westminster for the Vice-Presidents and Executive of the first World Congress of Herpetology to be held at University of Kent, Canterbury, September 1989. Among those present were:

Prof A d'A Bellairs (Honorary President), Vice-Presidents: Prof R J Berry, Prof J L Cloudsley-Thompson, Mr Richard Fitter, Dr J F D Frazer, Dr R H Hedley, Sir William Henderson, Baroness Nicol, and Lord Swinfen; Executive: Prof Kraig Adler (Secretary General), Dr I R Swingland (Director), Dr M R K Lambert (Chairman, British Herpetological Society), Mr T E S Langton (Deputy Director), Prof Keith Stacey (University of Kent), Mr J E Cooper, Dr R A Griffiths, Dr R S Thorpe, Dr R C Tinsley and Mr Peter Olney, and others at the University of Kent. The Duke of Edinburgh (Patron) sent his best wishes for the occasion.

Access Men of the Year Luncheon

The Rt Hon Viscount Tonypandy was the Chairman at the Access Men of the Year Luncheon held yesterday at the London Hilton Hotel in aid of the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (RADAR). Among those present were:

Sir Patrick Meaney, Vice President RADAR; Tony Lee, Director and Chief Executive of Access, the Joint Credit Card Co Ltd; Dr A V Stokes, OBE, Chairman RADAR; Mr E S Bonsor, Hon Treasurer RADAR; Mr George Wilson, CBE, Director RADAR. Grace was read by the Provost of Blackburn, the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, and the speakers were the Rt Hon Nicholas Scott MP, and Mr Tony Hayward.

The Men of the Year were: Sir John Mills; PC Richard Coombes; Mr Stan McMurtry (Mac); Mr Brian Cleaver; Mr Alun Thomas; Mr Gordon Wilson; Mr Stephen Venables; Mr Roy Cousins; Mr Philip Scott; Captain Soubhi Youssefi; Mr Derek Jameson; Flight Lieutenant Stephen Williams; and the entire British Olympic Hockey Squad.

Service luncheon

52nd Light Infantry

Colonel H.J. Sweeney presided at the annual officers luncheon of the 52nd Light Infantry (Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire) held yesterday at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Dinners

Corporation of London

On the occasion of the visit of the President of Senegal and Mme Abdou Diouf to the City of London yesterday, the Lord Mayor and Corporation presented an Address of Welcome and afterwards a dinner was held in Guildhall. The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were:

M Pape Diouf, M and Mme Ibrahima Fall, M Dilbo Ka, M Famara Ibrahima Sagna, Mme Fatoumata Ka, the Ambassador of Senegal and Mme Fall, M Bruno Diatta, M Babacar Mbaye, Colonel Lamine Cisse, Colonel Boubacar Wane, the Ambassador of Oman and Mrs Hussain bin Mohammed bin Ali, the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Harland, the Ambassador of Togo and Mme Agbeyovi, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, the Ambassador of Gabon and Mme Diop, the High Commissioner for The Gambia and Mrs Mondey, the Ambassador of Zaire and Citoyenne Nzeleie, Lord and Lady Merrivale, Lord and Lady Elton, Lord and Lady Soderman, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Mrs Newton, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, the Minister of State for Local Government and Mrs Gummer, the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Deputy Speaker, the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service and Lady Wright, the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Lady Stelfox, the Chief of the Air Staff and Lady Craig, the Chief of the General Staff and Lady Chapple, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Robert Fisch, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cardiff, representatives from the Embassy of Senegal, representatives of organisations having commercial and cultural relations with Senegal, representatives from HM Forces and the Civil Service and of City Institutions; and Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Association of Consulting Actuaries

The Rt Hon Norman Lamont, MP, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, was the principal guest and speaker at the Biennial Dinner of The Association of Consulting Actuaries held last night at The Dorchester Hotel. Miss Harriet Dawes of the Occupational Pensions Board also spoke and Mr David Peacock, Chairman of the Association presided.

Among the guests present were: Mr Alan Beith, MP, Mr Ben Carrall, Mr Michael Elton, Miss S J Feest, Mr Desmond Fennell, Miss Margaret Grainger, Mr R G Lusk, Mr Douglas D McKinnon, Mr T P M Mitchell, Mr Alistair Neil, Mr I L Rushton, Mr J Seres and Mr C Woodward.

Equipment Leasing Association

Mr Derek Soper, the Chairman of the Equipment Leasing Association, presided at the Association's sixteenth annual dinner held at the Royal Lancaster Hotel last night. The principal guest was the Chairman of British Aerospace, Professor Roland Smith. Mr Norman Donkin proposed a toast to the guests to which Mr Derek Wheatley, QC, responded.

Marketing Group of Great Britain

Mrs Jean Denton chaired the dinner held last night at the Dorchester Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The Guest Speaker was Mr Gavin Laird, General Secretary, Amalgamated Engineering Union.

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OBITUARIES

DUKE of NEWCASTLE

Farming in England and Rhodesia



The 9th Duke of Newcastle, who died on November 4 at the age of 81, came from a family which had played a distinguished role in British history: one of his forbears had been British commander-in-chief in the American War of Independence, while another was First Lord of the Treasury and a Lord Justice during the Jacobite rebellion.

Henry Edward Hugh Pelham-Clinton-Hope was born on April 8, 1907.

Educated at Eton, where he became president of Pop and captain of the first XI, he went on to Magdalene College, Cambridge.

He was a man of great energy and personal charm and had many interests. An enthusiastic ice hockey player, bobsleigh runner and yachtsman, he also played several musical instruments in his youth and had an attractive singing voice. But his over-riding interests throughout his life were farming, the RAF and the sea.

In due course he settled in the dower house of the ancestral home at Clumber, near Worksop in Nottinghamshire. As the financial picture began to change it became clear that the house and park could no longer be kept up and after the sale of its many treasures the building was pulled down. The park, regarded as one of the finest in England, was then sold to the National Trust.

The duke, who succeeded to the title in 1941, had obtained his licence as a civil pilot in his twenties. He joined the Auxiliary Air Force on its formation and later founded the 616 (South Yorkshire) Squadron.

During the Second World War he served in the Middle East and Europe and in the Normandy landings he crossed in a naval vessel which was sunk within sight of the French coast. But he managed to get ashore at Omaha Beach with the Americans, to whom he had been seconded as radar liaison officer. He was employed mainly in fighter control.

The duke was appointed OBE after the war and in 1947 was appointed to the command of 3617 (County of Hampshire) air defence unit.

He settled at Boyton Manor, near Warminster, where he raised a well-known herd of Herefords, some of the bulls being exported for record prices. However, the red tape involved with farming at that time became such a burden that he emigrated to Southern Rhodesia and raised a herd there on his estate at Madzugetu.

He returned to Britain in the Sixties for personal reasons and lived for a time near Bath, continuing to raise Herefords on his farms in Dorset.

Eventually he settled in Lymington, where he could pursue his interest in sailing. He spent the last 15 years of his life there living in some seclusion in a cottage near the quay.

He was married three times: firstly to Mrs Jean Gimbernat, whom he divorced in 1940, secondly to Lady Diana Montague-Stuart-Wortley, who divorced him in 1959, and thirdly to Mrs Sally Jamal, from whom he was separated.

He leaves two daughters of his second marriage. The heir to the dukedom is his cousin, Edward Charles Pelham-Clinton.

BRIG VIVIAN COLLINGRIDGE

With the Gurkhas at Gallipoli

Brigadier Vivian Collingridge, DSO, OBE, who has died at the age of 94, was one of the fast-dwindling band of survivors of Gallipoli, where he served with the 6th Gurkha Rifles and went on to command Gurkhas again in the Second World War during some of the toughest fighting of the Burma campaign.

By luck — if being severely wounded can be called luck — Collingridge escaped almost certain death early on in his career with the 6th Gurkha Rifles in 1915. Taking part in the regiment's heroic attack on the Gallipoli escarpment known as Gurkha Bluff, he was hit by enemy fire.

Invalided home, he therefore missed the regiment's second gallant assault, which ended so tragically when, having gained the summit of Sari Bair, the 6th Gurkhas were shelled into oblivion by a misdirected barrage from our own guns. Not one British officer escaped unscathed.

Collingridge rejoined the regiment when it was sent to Mesopotamia, and served there, and in Kurdistan for the rest of the war. Between the wars he took part in the Waziristan campaign.

At the outset of the Second World War he raised 37 Brigade, the first all-Gurkha brigade in the Indian Army, and he remained in command for three years from 1941, no mean feat in those desperate times when brigade commanders were appointed and dismissed in rapid succession.

Collingridge had a phlegmatic temperament which enabled him to sustain the shocks of the dark days of 1941 and 1942, when the British were driven from Burma and over the Indian frontier. Crises which shattered many a less stolid nervous system left him unmoved, and he lived to lead his brigade through the victorious Imphal campaign, where it played a major role in the relief of the garrison, towards the happier times at the end of 1944, when victory in Burma was in sight.

Collingridge had acquired his knowledge of the Gurkha language as a tea planter in Assam, after leaving Marlborough, and it stood him in good stead as a commander.

In 1947 his career, like those of many other Indian Army men, was cut short by the partition of India and Pakistan. He retired to the South of England.

He leaves a widow and two daughters.

SIR JEREMY MOSTYN, BT

Catholic espouser of good causes

Jeremy John Anthony Mostyn, 14th Baronet of Talacre, Flintshire was born on November 24, 1933, the son of Basil Mostyn who succeeded his nephew Sir Piers as the 13th Baronet. He died of cancer early yesterday morning.

Mostyn's early years were spent in Southern Rhodesia but he later came to England and the last part of his education was at Downside School.

He did his National Service with the Royal Navy hoeing beet and learning Russian. He always espoused causes near to his heart with enormous enthusiasm and the first was the Liberal Party. This he joined in the Fifties and fought Ealing South for them in the general election in 1979 and the Cities of London and Westminster in the LCC elections in 1960.

Thereafter he tried a number of occupations before ending up by forming his own estate agency company, buying the old Manor House in Lower Heyford, Oxfordshire, where he lived for 17 years.

Mostyn was a direct descendant of Tudor Trevor, who ruled Hereford in the 10th Century, and he has been recognised as Tudor Trevor's senior heir male by many of the historically minded Welsh. He was so honoured after the investiture of the Prince of Wales in 1969, at which ceremony he was a Green Staff Officer.

His love of Wales, combined with a certain strong atavism, drew him back to the Welsh borders during the last 18 months of his life, returning to the land of his fathers.

Mostyn was a staunch cradle catholic, descended from many recusant families and was a Knight of Honour and Devotion of the Sovereign Order of Malta. For this Order he did much work in various charitable and spiritual areas and was awarded the Cross of Merit of the Order, with which he was invested the day before he died.

He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son, William Basil John, who succeeds him in the baronetcy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

My people are rejected for lack of knowledge: and because thou hast rejected knowledge I will also reject thee.... seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.
Hosea 4:6

BIRTHS

BOYD-GIBBINS - On November 7th 1988 at the Portland Hospital to Carty (née Kiely) and Grant, a son Nicholas.

BRIERLEY - on November 7th, 1988, at Rutland Memorial Hospital to Nicola (Née Orpin) and Miles a daughter, Sophie Alessandra.

CATTELL - On November 8th, 1988 at Oswestry, to Bridget (née Thomas) and Jonathan, a daughter.

CLOSE - On October 28th at Taunton to Mary (née Harcombe) and Christopher a son, Simon John.

COOPER - On November 4th, to Trevor and Monica (née Blatchford) at St. Heller's Carshalton, a baby son. Gregory Laurence Adam, a brother for Edward and Timothy.

DUNN - On September 19th, 1988 to Jane (née Parsons) and Thomas, a son. Henry Thomas George.

GATEHOUSE - On November 8th to Kathy (née Hammond) and Michael, a son Thomas Richard Arthur.

HAMILTON - On October 24th to Yvonne (née Watts) and John, a daughter Katherine Sarah Louise.

HOWARD-NORMAN - On November 7th to June (née Pearson) and John, a son. Alastair James.

LILLEY - On November 6th to Judy (née Leftwich) and Francis, a daughter Clare Madeleine Stella, a sister for James.

MONTEITH - On November 6th 1988, to Tess and John, a lovely daughter Francesca Clarice.

MORGAN - On October 31st 1988 to Janet (née Connolly) and Alan, a daughter, Georgina Caroline, a sister for Campbell and Edward

PREBBLE - On November 8th in Geneva, to Cressida (née Bell) and Mark, a son, Luke William Westray, a brother for Nicholas.

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DEATHS

BALLARD-THOMAS - On November 8th, peacefully, Lydia, aged 85 years, faithful mother of Huw, now reunited with her beloved Griff. Funeral Rites at St. Mary of the Angels, R.C. Church, Kings Road, Canton, Cardiff at 9.45 am on Friday, November 11. Service and committal at Thornhill Crematorium 10.30 am. Donations if wished to Cancer Research. The Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff. Remembered in blessing

BERRY - On November 7th, 1988 peacefully, Ruth, beloved younger sister of Nodie. Funeral 12.30 pm, Tuesday, November 15th, at St Mary Abbots, Kensington W8. Family flowers only but donations if wished to The Childrens Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery St, London WC1X 0JL.

BICKERSTETH - On November 8th, at Marcris Nursing Home, Audrey Mary, very dear step-sister of Malcolm. First Commissioner of Anglia and Vice-President, Girl Guides Association. Funeral private, no flowers, donations may be sent for National Childrens Society, c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, South St, Bishops Stortford. Memorial Service Friday December 2nd at 2pm St. Michaels Church, Bishops Stortford.

BRIDCUT - On Tuesday November 8th, suddenly after many physical difficulties bravely borne, Jack, aged 72 years, of Farnham, Surrey. So greatly loved and valued by his wife Phoebe and his three children John, Alexandra and Angela. Funeral at St Andrew's, Farnham on Tuesday November 15th 2.15 pm. Flowers, or donations for Arthritis Care, to Patricks, 86 East Street, Farnham.

BUDAY-GOLDBERGER On November 7th, suddenly at her home, Vilma (née Gidny-Schwarz) for 62 years the most loved wife of Anthony, beloved mother of Berti and Francis and a much loved grandmother.

CORMACK - on November 7th, peacefully in hospital, Elsie, age 84 years. Funeral service on Wednesday November 16th, Grange Park Methodist Church, Park Drive, London N21 at 1.pm, followed by cremation at Enfield Crematorium. All enquiries to Blake & Horlock, 27 Silver Street, Enfield. 01 - 363 3221

COVELL - On November 8th 1988, at King Edward VII hospital, Midhurst after a short illness most courageously borne, Kenneth aged 85, retired member of the Stock Exchange. Loving and mucked loved husband of Barbara (Bobby), dear father of David, John, Anthony and father-in-law of Tessa, Rosemary and Natalie and fond grandfather of Oliver, Sally, Diana, Andrew, Adam and Crispian. Cremation, Chichester Crematorium on Monday, November 14th at 2pm. Flowers, or donations if preferred in aid of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst may be sent to Edward White & Son, 6 South Pallant, Chichester. (0243) 782136.

FAIRLIE - On November 9th 1988 at Carnoustie, Margaret Constance Fairlie, aged 96 years, dearly beloved wife of the late John M Fairlie, Kirkton, Monikie and mother of Michael, Pat and Dennis. Funeral private.

FORBES - On November 5th, in her 90th year, Elsie Annie, widow of Ernest Crespin, beloved mother of Peter and Hugh, and grandmother of Laura, Alison and Christopher. Funeral service in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Church Rd, Sunningdale, on Friday November 11th at 2pm followed by interment in East Hampstead Cemetery. Floral tributes and enquiries to E. Sargeant & Son, 61 St. Leonards Rd, Windsor 0753 866982.

GIBB - On November 7th, peacefully after a lifelong illness courageously accepted, Andrew Charles, dear son of Eric and Mary of Highgate, and brother of James and William.

GOLDING - On November 3rd, peacefully in Haresfield Hospital following an illness courageously borne, Jack, dearly loved by family and friends. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Thursday 10th November at 11.30am.

GREGORY - On November 9th, 1988 peacefully at home, Dr J C Gregory, of North Walsham, Norfolk, beloved husband of Margaret and devoted father of Hugh, Duncan and Sarah.

HALL - On November 5th, peacefully at home in Wallingford, Reginald Edward Arthur, aged 87. Beloved husband to Grace and father to Peter. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium on Friday November 11th at 11am. Flowers to: R & H Barker, 40 Wantage Road, Didcot.

HOPKINS - On November 8th, peacefully at Penybumn Hospital, Revd. Canon C.H. Gordon, much loved brother of Peggy and friend to many. Canon Emeritus of Durham. Formerly Chaplain to the Queen and for many years Vicar of St. Luke's Pallion, Sunderland. Funeral 2pm Monday, November 14th at Durham Cathedral followed by Cremation. Flowers if desired may be sent to Messrs J. Smartthwaite & Son, Neville Street, Durham.

HUNTER - On November 8th, at home, peacefully after a long illness bravely fought, Michael Henry, aged 61, much loved husband of Claire, father of Rosemary and Andrew, grandfather of Alastair and Claire. Funeral at Michaelchurch, Ewyas on Monday, November 14th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only. Donations for St. Michael's Church or National Hospital for Nervous Diseases to Dawe Brothers, 115 Westfaling Street, Hereford.

ILIFF - On November 8th 1988, peacefully at New Cross Hospital Wolverhampton, aged 77 years, Joan Iliff of Codsall, Staffordshire. Wife of Philip W Iliff. Funeral Service, Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel, Wolverhampton, Thursday November 17th at 2pm. No flowers by request.

MACKENZIE-HILL - On November 9th, peacefully in Cirencester, Charles, aged 80, after a short illness, much loved by family and friends. Funeral at Chedworth on Tuesday November 15th at 2.15pm. Flowers and enquiries to Cowley and Sons, Cirencester 3298.

MARLAND - On November 7th, peacefully at home in Peterborough, John, husband of Sylvia and loving father of Ross and Paul. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville at 3pm on Tuesday 15th November. Family flowers only but donations if desired to King George's Fund for Sailors.

MAUDLING - On November 7th at the Lister Hospital, Stevenage, Reginald Martin of Stevenage, aged 44 years. Funeral service at Luton Crematorium, on Wednesday November 16th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations for the Multiple Sclerosis Society c/o W. Austin & Sons, The Grange, High St, Stevenage. Tel. 0438 316623.

NEELY - On November 6th, after a short illness borne with courage and faith: Fr George Edward, dearly loved husband of Anne; father of Mary and grandfather of Thomas. Reception of his body at St Bartholomew's, South Bermondsey, on Sunday 13th at 6.30pm. Funeral mass on Monday, 14th at 10.30am. Donations to Cancer Research.

NEIL - On November 8th, suddenly at home in Seaford, Isobel. Funeral Service, Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Monday, November 14th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Bennetts Funeral Services, 8 Sutton Park Road, Seaford, Sussex. Tel (0323) 490077.

NEWCASTLE - On November 4th 1988, Henry Edward Hugh Pelham-Clinton-Hope, 9th Duke of Newcastle O.B.E.

PROCTOR-PEARSON - On November 5th, 1988 peacefully at home, James, dearest husband of Freda (Bill) and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Hale on Thursday, November 10th at 12.30pm.

ROBINSON - On November 8th, George William Redvers M.B.E. of Frome, formerly of Worthing. Funeral private. Donations to Mid-West Friends of Action for Research into Multiple Sclerosis may be sent to: W. Adlam & Son, Funeral Directors, 68/70 Locks Hill, Frome, Somerset. (0373) 52100.

SHARPLES-MEIJWENHUYS - On November 8th, peacefully after a long illness, Joy Marie. Private cremation. No flowers, letters or condolences please. Instead, if desired, donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

WALSH - On November 8th, 1988, at Wexford General Hospital, Ireland, Dr T.J. Walsh K.M. of Wexford Festival Opera and 5, Lower George Street. Beloved husband of the late Nineta and dearest father of Victoria. Fondly remembered by his sister Nellie, son-in-law Kenneth, family and friends. Requiem Mass on Friday, November 11th at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, Wexford at 11am. Funeral immediately afterwards.

WHITEHEAD - On October 31st peacefully Gwendolen Juanita (née Wolfton). Funeral 12 o'clock Thursday November 17th at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Cut flowers only to F.G. Pymm & Sons, Maidenhead.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

BELSEY - James Graham. The Funeral Service will be at 2.00pm. on Friday November 18th, at the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Seal, Sevenoaks, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Beaumont St. W1, or Hospice at Home, Michael Tetley Hall, Tunbridge Wells

SIR ANTHONY STAINTON K.C.B, Q.C. The Funeral for Sir Anthony Stainton will take place on Wednesday, November 16th at St. Peter and St Paul's Church, Seal, at 2pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GRAHAM - A memorial service for Gerald S. Graham, Rhodes Professor Emeritus, will be held at Crown Court Church, Russell Street, WC2 on Tuesday, 29th November, at 4pm

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

JOLLY - In loving memory of my dear friend, John Leslie, who died 10/11/85. Much remembered and much missed. Marc Morgan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DALDRY K.B.E., Sir Leonard, Lady Daldry, Michael, Celia and Mrs W.J. London of Trowbridge (sister) wish to record their gratitude for the prayers and many other expressions of love and support shown by family and friends during this very sad time; individual acknowledgements will follow.

ADOPTIONS

BICKHAM - On November 1st at the Shirehall, Hereford, at 10.16am by Veronica (née Corser) and Nicholas, a son, (William John Spencer) and a daughter (Louisa Clare Kristina).

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BITHDAY to a super Scaff. Lots of love. Jane

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Slices of Orange

Byron, Eliot, the Armada. . . 1988 will go down to posterity as a red letter year for anniversaries. That otherwise canny princeling, William of Orange, had no such sense of the calendar when his fleet made harbour at Brixham 300 years ago last Saturday. Hearing the shore bells peal, the invader doubted his welcome. A glance at his diary would have revealed that in England November 5 is traditionally given over to commemorating the dishing of a Papist plot.

It was only fitting that, even as the Protestant Champion landed, the worthies of – well, Lewes, for example – were indulging in their usual orgy of rabid anti-Catholicism.

In an impressive succession of vehicles, an averagely naff *Timewatch* (BBC2) drove a parade of academic historians along the route of William's martial progress from Devon to London, looking in on Exeter Cathedral, Sherborne Castle and the Bear Inn at Hungerford, a town which still includes oranges in the trappings of its annual pagan ritual. Little of this conveyed much sense of place: a profmobile pausing for a quick shufti at an inscribed stone outside a dank cottage is hardly the stuff of living history.

If the programme's self-imposed corrective brief made scant headway, William himself remained firmly in the shadows. Today he is remembered personally only as a bunch of ringlets on a white horse on gable ends in Derry, which seems a cute enough fate for a Dutchman who took his name from a French city.

How the allegedly glorious revolution would have fared had James not fled was a question not addressed here. Many atheists find it hypocritical for a nominally Christian nation to celebrate the fall of a monarch, however lamentable, who proclaimed liberty of conscience. 1688 was not the happiest of years to be born a Catholic, and presumably even worse if your surname was Pope. The anniversary industry has so far been curiously mute in rejoicing over the tercentenary of Byron's favourite poet.

Martin Cropper

The colour of violence

In April this year a 19-year-old man was shot to death in Stockton, California, while queueing to see Colors – Dennis Hopper's strident film about the police war against Los Angeles street gangs. The victim was wearing a blue handkerchief – a sign of allegiance to the Crips gang; his assailants, who had just left the cinema, were in red – the chosen colour of the Crips's rivals, the Bloods. Both gangs appear in the film; in the words of the Stockton Deputy Police Chief, "the suspects weren't happy with the way thing were going on the screen, because apparently the gang they are affiliated with wasn't winning".

Fears of just such an incident caused several theatres to cancel their bookings, and some community groups complained that the film was a gang recruitment advert; in general, though, the film had a peaceful American release. In fact, it is squarely on the side of law and order, as personified by the odd couple of Robert Duvall (a veteran cop who likes to tread softly) and Sean Penn (a bumptious sample of the head-banging school). Penn coasts through his part on his trademarks, constantly flashing his cocky grin and prematurely furrowed brow; Duvall digs deeper, giving his character more shading than its formula conception leads us to expect.

The odd couple syndrome is just one of the film's traditional ingredients. Cars career and tyres squeal as in any slap-up action movie. One of the gang members, fleeing on a motorbike, dives spectacularly through a restaurant window (cue for a messy fight among trussed-up chickens and two stunned cooks). Hollywood's wild man, Dennis Hopper – directing his first film since the sullen Canadian melodrama *Out of the Blue* in 1980 – handles these commercial elements with noisy vigour. At the same time, the man who brought us *Easy Rider* pokes further into the gang lifestyle than your ordinary action hack would do.

Haskell Wexler's photography helps enormously, capturing the graffiti-strewn hell where drugs are traded with enormous profit, and fierce clan loyalty prompts deadly reprisals with assault rifles and sub-machine guns. Michael Schiffer's script supplies the expected barrage of foul words, but also finds room for humour: the jemmy the police use to prise open a suspect's door bears the legend "MAY I COME IN?". *Colors* is not, in sum, a pretty film, but it delivers its chosen goods.

Australians at war are proving a useful subject for the country's film-makers. There have been two TV mini-series, *1915* and *Anzacs*; plus, of course, Peter Weir's *Gallipoli*. Now we have **The Lighthorsemen**, which concentrates on the heroic charge by 800 soldiers of the Australian Light Horse on the Palestine town of Beersheba in 1917. "This is the true story," reads the opening preface, "of the men and horses who rode into legend that day."

Experience tells us not to expect the horses to emerge as characters; but more might have been done to bring the humans to life. Fresh-faced Peter Phelps plays an eager recruit who holds back from killing. But he earns the respect of Gallipoli veterans when he rescues horses from an aerial ambush; he also lands the sole female character – a nurse (Sigrid Thornton) at the army hospital.

It is not much for audiences to chew on, and before long one pines for some old British salt to pep up the top brass. Enter Anthony Andrews as an eccentric counter-intelligence officer; not an ideal choice, perhaps, but he keeps interest ticking over until the charge itself – a deft affair, with some sharp cutting between flying hooves and the German-Turkish guns.

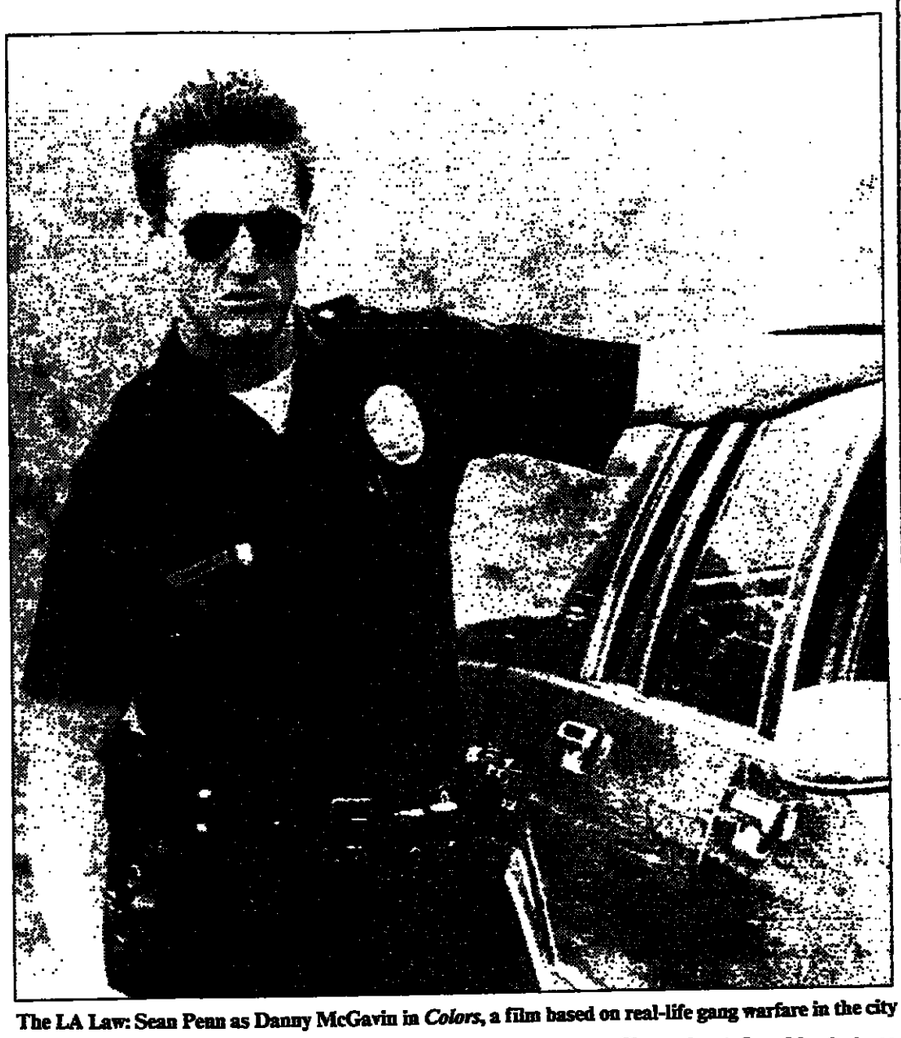
CINEMA

Colors (18)
Odeon West End

The Lighthorsemen (PG)
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue

Taffin (18)
Cannon Haymarket

Shot Down
ICA Cinematheque



The LA Law: Sean Penn as Danny McGavin in *Colors*, a film based on real-life gang warfare in the city

Simon Wincer directs ably, if conventionally: is there no other way to establish a cavalry charge than to line up the men prettily on the distant horizon?

Thirty years ago, **Taffin** would have slipped into the nation's cinemas unnoticed as part of a "full supporting programme". Now, exhibition habits have changed drastically; this absurd thriller, filmed in Ireland, might be the sole attraction in a shoebox cinema one rainy night in Luton or Aberystwyth.

Its one drawing card is Pierce Brosnan, star of TV's *Remington Steele*, and a prime hunk of soap opera glamour. He plays a wastrel debt collector, gradually galvanized into saving the community from a crooked development scheme.

However, his character never comes into proper focus; the same cannot be said for Brosnan's six o'clock shadow, gold medallion, and bare chest. Francis Megahy, a toiler from the world of television, had the misfortune to direct.

Shot Down (showing at the ICA Cinematheque from Monday) was made by a group of young white South Africans anxious to capture the madness they feel all around them.

Its inchoate story concerns a conman, hired by the State to track down a black leader by posing as a film-maker. As a group therapy tool for the film-makers, *Shot Down* might have some value, but it has little to offer general audiences except scatter-shot rage and bad acting.

Geoff Brown

DANCE

Steps in the wrong direction

New Demons
Sadler's Wells

Edouard Lock has just one trick up his sleeve for his La La La Human Steps company. It is that the four dancers spend most of their time jumping to land either in one another's arms or on the floor. This is not particularly original or difficult; there is no evidence that these performers could go three rounds in a MacMillan *pas de deux*.

They do not do it spectacularly well, and we saw something similar, but much more varied and daring, in Lloyd Newson's *Dead Dreams* at the ICA last week.

But Newson used this physical bravura to real dramatic purpose, whereas Lock was quoted on this page last week as believing that dance "is not very good with narrative", which seems true of his own work although absurd when applied to others.

What he does attempt is to make the jumps look dangerous, but constant repetition soon shows how carefully the landings are made. Five minutes of this in a cabaret would be effective, but to keep at it for 85 minutes without an intermission soon grows monumentally boring. Lock's way of trying to relieve this in *New Demons* is to add curious irrelevant incidents while the dancers are catching their breath.

Two puppets conduct a scatological conversation in French. Lock himself undertakes a few feeble tricks, some rolling hips, shoulders and arms, even a dull pop song. Films of birds and beasts are shown. It all seems singularly mindless, and portentous introductory remarks by Lock do nothing to allay that impression.

The person who carries the whole weight of the show is Louise Lecavalier, a tall, lean blonde, (with one knee bandaged) who works twice as hard as anybody else, flashes her nipples in a slow motion film sequence and has a pert, sly smile with it.

John Percival

Searching for the sane

THEATRE

Asylum
Lyric Hammersmith

Readers of Marjorie Wallace's reports in *The Times* on the care of schizophrenics will be familiar with the background of Paul Kember's play: accelerating closure of psychiatric hospitals, and the discharge of patients into a sometimes mythical "community care".

Mr Kember enters the field with an angry comedy designed to change public attitudes, but apart from ventilating the subject yet again, its main achievement is restoring Sarah Miles to the English stage.

Asylum takes place in a crumbling Victorian mental home, due for demolition. The regular inmates and their sympathetic nurse view this with stoical resignation; and it takes the arrival of outsiders to generate a story.

First on the scene is a camera crew who have chosen it as a piquant location for a pop video.

They are followed by a former inmate, Tilly, who heaves her worldly goods over Stewart Laing's formidable 10 ft wall and returns to her old home.

As an intermediary between the conventional categories of madness and sanity, Tilly is an interesting figure, and Miss Miles plays her with an irresistible blend of Puckish charm, deep rage and innocent vitality, all held in ambiguous balance until they explode into a memorably direct challenge to the "sane" public.

What leads up to this is another matter. Act One, introducing the ghastly producer of Bootstrap Productions and his team, devotes most of its time to exposing film people as crazier than mental patients. Act Two presents their bad faith in action, when Tilly offers to make the company's fortune by burning herself to death on camera.

With a predictability underlined by the ponderous timing of Robert Walker's production, they all agree to exploit this offer: the producer (Peter Sproule) fêting her with a farewell Chinese takeaway, the director (Philip Lowrie) assuring her of the great films her sacrifice will enable him to make.

Apart from the manipulative introduction of the film crew in the first place, and the unexplained disappearance of the rock-singing star at half time, the action is self-destructive; because instead of swooping on attitudes towards mental illness which the audience could recognize as their own, Mr Kember offers a group of grossly self-incriminating caricatures.

There are two excellent performances of Tilly's fellow inmates by Ann Way and Ian Collier.

Irving Wardle

West Bank workshop

Promised Land
Drill Hall

The Joint Stock method of creating a play begins when the company agrees on an idea, in this case: "Israeli wickedness". After research and discussion (workshopping) the writer goes away for a month or two and returns with a text. Further workshopping establishes a fairly final version and performances begin to take shape. It is a method that calls for artistic commitment: artistic success cannot be guaranteed.

Members of the company flew out to Israel during the Palestinian uprising, and the fruit of their research is this ferocious attack, billed as comedy, on the Jewish clamour for *Lebensraum*. Karim Alrawi's text presents all Israeli settlers as vulgar land grabbers spouting the Pentateuch from their mouths and bullets from their handguns.

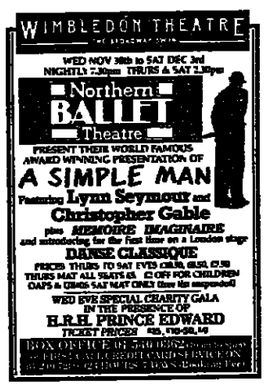
So far so good, though advocates of *Israel Über Alles* are unlikely to remain sitting comfortably. But the danger of a method where all participants do research in order to highlight an evil is an unremitting procession of the facts. Israelis may be shown as unvaryingly brutal and the play can still hold its own, the latest in the long tradition of protests against tyranny. But let characters remind one another of villages wiped from the map and the play edges towards bald agitprop. Make a wife say to her husband "You will be careful now that the Israelis are building settlements on every hilltop" and the play's dramatic climate becomes as arid as the surrounding desert.

The story follows the puzzling adventures of Radi (spry performance by Vincent Ebrahim), a Palestinian farmer, Schweik, ever ready with a quip to ingratiate himself with his overlords, invariably ending up with a kick in the belly.

Forced to impersonate an absent Israeli conscript, Rudy, he passes the second act sealing off wells and ordering air strikes on his own village. The implications in this parable are never clear but though this second half is a mess Nick Broadhurst's uneven production contains scenes of undoubted theatricality.

Most of these involve the Jamaican actor Leo Wringer, who plays a crazed American rabbi and a gold-winged archangel taking flight superbly in strobe lighting. Nevertheless those in the audience who walked out presumable did so through boredom not outrage.

Jeremy Kingston



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BOOKS

Anti Modern

Peter Ackroyd on a sentimental, narrow sigh for a return to Victorian, Ruskinian values in art



THEORIA
Art and the Absence of Grace
By Peter Fuller
Chatto & Windus, £15

It is difficult to define post-modernism — is it a style of pseudo-classical painting, an assortment of hybrid architectural frivolities, or the "new" historical novel?. But if we substitute for it the rather older phrase, *fin de siècle*, we get an approximation to the same meaning — the historicism, the stylistic self-consciousness, the aptitude for pastiche. Certainly in much of "post-modernist" art it is possible to see the same crepuscular glow, like the phosphorescence of ruined stones. Of course it may not be to everyone's taste, and in *Theoria* Peter Fuller launches a vigorous assault upon the "bleak image" of modern and post-modern work.

Mr Fuller takes his title from the concept of *theoria* as "the response to beauty of one's whole moral being"; and as a touchstone for this necessarily elusive or quixotic sense he uses the life and work of John Ruskin. In fact this is in large part a study of Ruskin, but in particular Fuller concentrates upon that writer's troubled belief in "natural theology" — meaning, in its simplest form, that the natural world discloses evidence of God, and that it is the artist's principal task to reveal the hand of the Maker in all created things. The emphasis, then, is on art as a spiritual force, "a continuing embodiment of moral and religious truth", from which artists and critics separate themselves at their peril. It is in this context that Fuller attacks most manifestations of modern or "international" or "American" art, his theme being "the rise, the fall and the final collapse of the modern movement in art".

This is familiar territory; more interesting, perhaps, is Fuller's attempt to define a British tradition which is characterized by "its denial rather than its espousal of modernity". Of course that depends on what he means by modernity — some contemporary art, such as that of Rothko or Matisse, is surely not devoid of spiritual presence — and to raise up "avant-garde" groups like the Futurists is to invoke nothing but straw men. But Fuller is nevertheless right to emphasize the "otherness" of British art. Whether we care to look for it in Henry Moore, Paul Nash, or Francis Bacon, there is something to be found there that might aptly be termed radical conservatism — both in its reverence for the "magical" qualities of the landscape or the human figure, and in its ability to understand modernist techniques (even purloining them) without necessarily acquiescing in them. Clearly there is nothing worse than the kind of "international art" which, like "international" literature, is the aesthetic equivalent of airline food — acceptable to all, but interesting to none.

But it is not necessary to accept the whole of Fuller's argument as a result: there are times when it becomes disappointingly thin, and it may be significant that his errors, when they do occur, seem directly related to his veneration of Ruskin. The point is that Ruskin was as much a product of the industrial age as Isambard Kingdom Brunel, and it is precisely in his act of *turning away* from his age that the power of his prose springs. Sometimes he sounds like Carlyle and sometimes like Pater, but he shares with them the stance of a writer who is fundamentally unable to understand the period in which he lives.

Ruskin may have been a visionary, as Fuller claims, but he was no prophet. In particular he never understood the art or the beauty of the city, and so it is interesting that Fuller's polemic is reserved for those manifestations of modern art which are specifically urban. He seems like Ruskin to be fundamentally opposed to the conditions and manifestations of city life, which means that he misses half the beauty of the world.

Of course he is not in the position of those purblind nostalgics who complain about the disappearance of red telephone boxes (although he does include the usual ritual incantation against skyscrapers), but he runs the risk of being seen as part of the same helpless, hopeless desire to erase everything that has happened in the recent past. Condemnations of contemporary art as one of "desolation" or "vandalism" are made by each generation in turn, and are always proved to be false.

It is even possible that the "spiritual" content to which Mr Fuller aspires may have been present in our own age all the time. Certainly his wish to recover a lost "natural theology" is shared on a wider scale than perhaps he imagines, and the search for "that unity between scientific, spiritual, and aesthetic life" has never really been discontinued. The astonishing success of Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time* suggests an appetite for just such a unity, and indeed the recent developments in quantum physics and in cosmological theory suggest that there may be a resonant bond between the infinitely small and the infinitely large. Ruskin's hope that the Supreme Being could be revealed in the natural world may therefore be realized, and it may be possible, after all, to see the universe in a grain of sand. The scientific materialism that Fuller derides has led directly to such perceptions, and it is the inhabitants of the same urban materialist world — not dwellers in a Ruskinian pastoral — who are reaching towards the mystery of the cosmos.

So is it not at least possible that the skyscraper or the abstract painterly shape may turn out to have been a true expression of "significant form"? It is hard within a short review to do justice to the range of Peter Fuller's argument, but surely it is wrong to condemn out of hand most of the art of our period. It is to deny a part of ourselves.

Your novelist as investigator

FICTION
Bryan Appleyard

LIBRA
By Don DeLillo
Viking, £11.95

PARIS TROUT
By Pete Dexter
Collins, £11.95

THE WORLD AS I FOUND IT
By Bruce Duffy
Secker & Warburg, £12.95

LAZARUS
By Alain Absire
Faber, £11.95

America grows more foreign by the minute. Years of movies and economic domination seemed long ago to have convinced us that we knew the place. Certainly it was always different, but there remained discernible connections with old Europe. These days, however, those connections are becoming hopelessly attenuated. American thought is more alien than ever and, judging by Don DeLillo's brilliant **Libra**, their writing has run off in a direction no European can follow.

Libra is based on three years of research into the Kennedy assassination, though it is not primarily about the event itself, and it never falls into the trap of tediously anatomizing its "significance". Instead, DeLillo constructs a theory of what really happened — a strange, faltering conspiracy involving the FBI, the CIA, and a variety of Cuban hoodlums — and then places the character of Lee Harvey Oswald at the centre of their operations.

These shadowy figures are, of course, analogues of the novelist himself. They wish to fabricate meaning and pattern in the world. But so, retrospectively, do the men who come after to investigate the assassination. The Warren Report is called, at one point, "the megaton novel James Joyce would have written if he'd moved to Iowa City and lived to be a hundred". But the men who come after can never be quite sure of their role. One Nicholas Branch, a clear surrogate for DeLillo himself, is throughout the book alone in a room with the vast, fragmentary documention of the killing. And yet, as he goes on, he seems to know less and less; the layers of fiction and deception are too deep and he can never find any assurance that they cover anything solid.

DeLillo's language is new and far removed from the European roots of the generation of American novelists that included Updike and Bellow. It is the voice of a different civilization — alien, spare, and impressive.

Paris Trout, Pete Dexter's third novel, is set in nut country — the familiar landscape of murderous weirdos in the deep south in the Fifties. It concerns the brutal and pointless killing of a black girl by a white loan shark in the act of collecting a debt. Paris Trout, the killer, expects no problems with white justice. But the act is too much even for redneck ethics, and the death will not go away until the final, inevitable, shoot-out.

The book is entirely convincing and accomplished, but suffers dreadfully from being far too entangled in its own genre. The plot, though neatly handled, is predictable in the extreme, and the writing, though good of its type, is old-fashioned, hard-bitten American realism. If you want a good deep south weirdo drama, here it is: but DeLillo, not Dexter, is the future.

Bruce Duffy comes from the same continent as those two, but that is the only remote similarity. His first novel consists of the very odd project of writing a fictional biography of Wittgenstein, or, more precisely, of the intense little trio of Wittgenstein, G.E. Moore, and Bertrand Russell. The known truth of these lives provides his starting point, but the book is complex and deliberate fiction.

That, combined with the fact that Duffy writes in a racy, almost soap-operatic style, conspires to make **The World As I Found It** rather a naughty read: one feels faintly guilty at reading neither philosophy nor biography, but some hybrid fictional mating of the two. His is a book to which purist fans of both Wittgenstein and Russell will object. It remains, nevertheless, an accessible and pleasurable read, not something one can often say of books about Wittgenstein.

Finally, home to Europe with Alain Absire's fable about the life of Lazarus. His hero is raised from the dead by an ambiguous and distant Christ and the life to which he is returned is painful, diseased, and unending. Lazarus's bafflement as to why this should be is the novel's primary dynamic. His resurrection appears to be evidence of something, but his suffering denies its value. Repeatedly he is told that he is some kind of example to Christians, but he can ascribe no meaning to the words.

Lazarus is a hard, anguished read. Absire, beautifully translated by Barbara Bray, is unremittingly serious, and he writes coldly and evocatively of pain and of the harsh world of the Middle East ruled by the Romans. It is not, finally, a satisfying book, as Absire's myth seems to founder on its own bewildered open-endedness. But a certain dry significance lingers.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

A Dictionary of Surnames, by Patrick Hanks & Flavia Hodges (Oxford, £50) The origins and comparative histories of 70,000 names described.

A History of Western Music, by Donald Jay Grout & Claude V. Palisca (Dent, £18.95) Fourth edition of the finest one-volume survey of music.

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Oxford Illustrated Encyclopedia, edited by Harry Judge, vols 3 & 4, World History from Earliest Times to 1800, and from 1800 to Present Day (Oxford, £35 the pair) Alphabetical from Neanderthals to Reagan.

The Chatto Book of Nonsense Poetry, edited by Hugh Haughton (Chatto & Windus, £12.95) Great wits to madness near allied.

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The Musée Picasso II, by Michele Richet (Thames & Hudson, £35).

Venice, by Christopher Hibbert (Grafton, £18) Biography of the beloved Serenissima by the pearl of popular historians.

Brave false dawn

Anthony Holden

EDDY SHAH
Today and the Newspaper Revolution
By Brian MacArthur
David & Charles, £12.95

On page 127 of this book I am described as "ashen-faced" and "white with exhaustion" after several sleepless days and nights struggling to produce the late, lamented Sunday edition of Eddy Shah's *Today*. Reliving those traumatic times in Brian MacArthur's vivid and confessional account has had me ashen-faced all over again.

The year we worked together before the launch of *Today* was a difficult but inspirational time, fired by the belief that journalists would at last be able to produce an intelligent tabloid (hitherto regarded as a contradiction in terms), free from the stranglehold of restrictive trade union practices, with shares for all in the giant profits that would ensue. The days after the launch were an unrelieved nightmare, as we attempted to produce *Le Monde* from Clochemerle.

MacArthur was the editor chosen by Shah for what promised to be the most exciting and revolutionary newspaper launch since the war. He would lead a young and enthusiastic band of volunteers into the brave new world of "state of the art" technology, satellite printing, independent distribution — and, above all, the first regular use of editorial colour.

Shah was seen as a Messiah of the industry, whose defeat of the NGA at Warrington presaged a march into the Promised Land ahead of Murdoch's to Wapping and the subsequent mass defection of Fleet Street to Docklands. A Thatcherite entrepreneur in the populist mould of Freddie Laker and Clive Sinclair, this monarch of the freesheet found millions in corporate backing for his thesis that Fleet Street was overmanned, overrated, and over the hill.

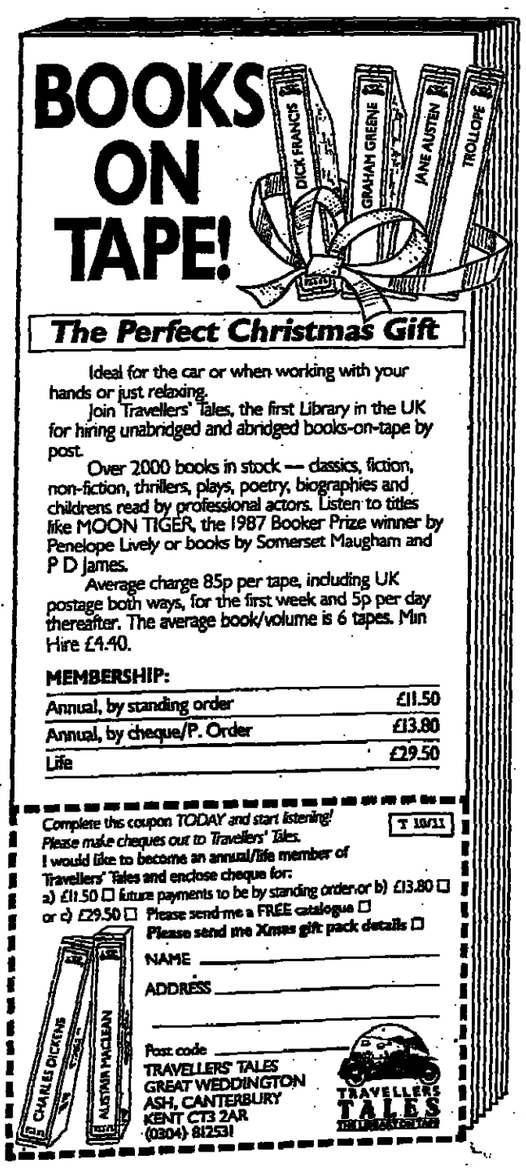
"We're ready, Eddy" was the cocky slogan which rebounded so messily when we all too conspicuously weren't. The launch of *Today* with its blurred colour pictures, ageing news stories, and uncertain identity caused understandable *schadenfreude* on all sides. Within a year Shah and MacArthur (not to mention this reviewer) were gone, and the paper passed via Tiny Rowland to Rupert Murdoch before assuming its current place in the market.

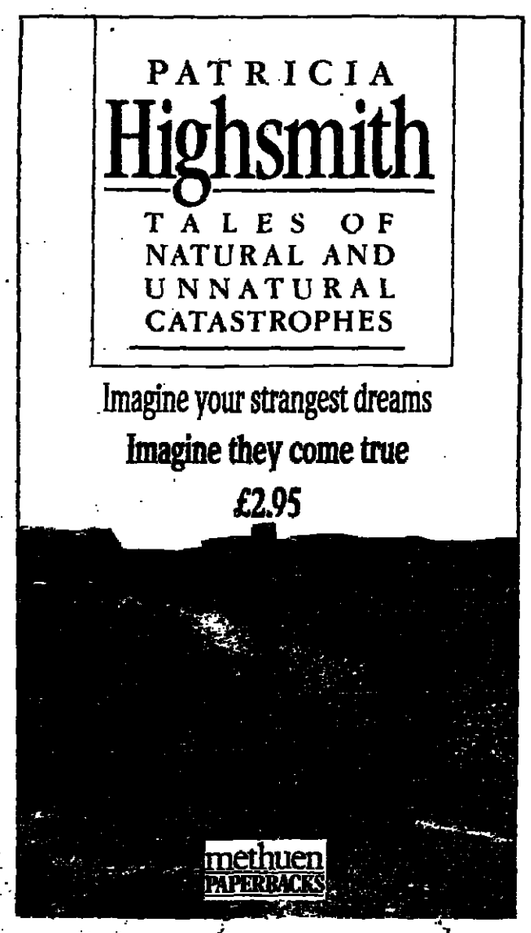
The reasons the dream turned sour are exhaustively examined by MacArthur, who does not shrink at any stage from blaming himself. Editorial mistakes were made, to be sure, but it is tough to produce a convincing newspaper on computers that don't work, on presses that arrived too late, via vans that may not turn up, from a building that isn't even properly earthed.

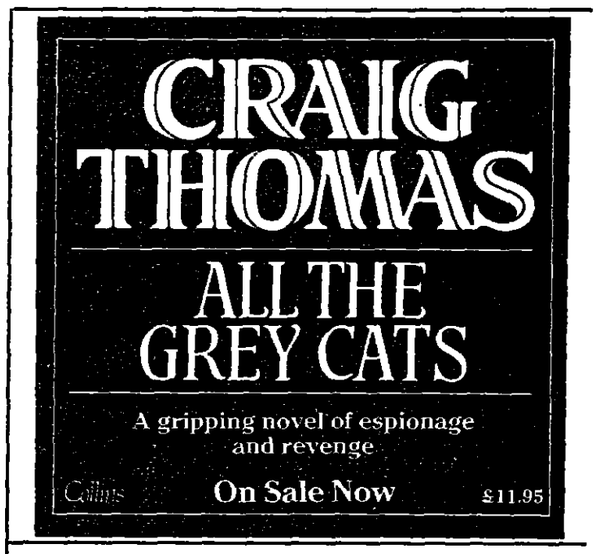
MacArthur's tortured account is must reading for all sides of the newspaper industry, full of innocent amusement for those who didn't have to live through it. But newspaper readers too will be fascinated by his account of the agencies which go into editorial decisions, the influence of non-journalists (from the board room to the advertising agency) on a paper's character and contents, and the market research which "targets" the "product" at people who, to take one example, make love twice a week.

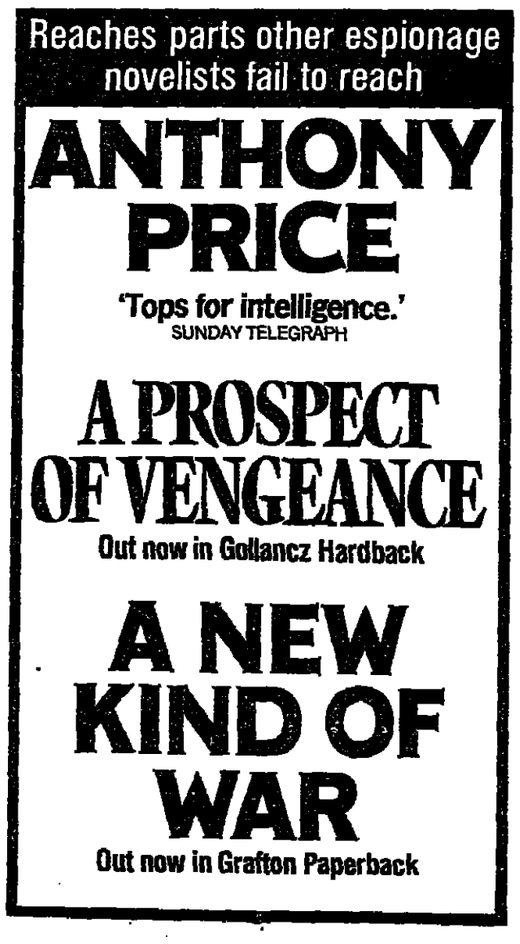
It is typical of both MacArthur and Shah that they remain firm friends despite the fierce differences chronicled herein. That lessons were learnt, and that those who sought to walk can now run, is proved all too ironically this week, when the publication of this book coincides with the launch of Eddy Shah's second attempt at a national tabloid, *The Post*. As Warrington again thumbs its nose at the metropolis, turning out a racy daily on desk-top computers, with a slimline staff and modest circulation targets, Brian MacArthur will be watching with interest from behind his desk at *The Sunday Times*.

On Saturday's Books Page: Billy Bunter and the Prince of Wales









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Lost in space: Joris Ivens's fantastic and lyrical documentary *A Tale of the Wind* has the 90-year-old film director variously appearing in the deserts of China and in one scene in the craters of a personified moon

TODAY

THINGS CHANGE: David Mamet's witty comedy of mistaken identities, with Hollywood veteran Don Ameche as *a mild show repairer mistaken for a* Mafia boss. Odeon West End, 6pm.

TOMORROW

A TALE OF THE WIND: Joris Ivens surveys his career and documents his *recent search for the Great Winds of* China. NFT1, 11am.
THE ICE PALACE: Norwegian film about the friendship between two girls. *NFT2, 11am.*
MACHO DANCER: Homosexual love and police corruption from Filipino director Lino Brocka. NFT1, 2.30pm. (Also tomorrow.)
PERMANENT RECORD: Teenage drama from American director Marisa Silver. NFT2, 2.30pm and 8.30pm.
PHOBIA: Skilful portrait of a crumbling marriage's last hours from Australian writer-director John Dingwall. ICA, 3pm and 6.15pm.
HOTEL TERMINUS: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF KLAUS BARBIE: Marcel Ophuls's chilling picture of the Nazi Occupation through filmed interviews. NFT1, 6pm.
INTOLERANCE: *D W Griffith's* awesome spectacle of 1916 presented in a new print. Dominion Theatre, 7.30pm. (Also Nov 12.)
"DIRECTED BY ANDREY TARKOVSKY:" Portrait of the director at work on his last film, *The Sacrifice.* Museum of Moving Image, 8.30pm. (Also Nov 13.)
THE PEDDLER: Three sad tales of poverty-stricken life in Iran. ICA, 8.45pm. (Also Nov 15.)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

JEQUIRITY
(b) Indian liquorice, also jequirity bean, its seed, otherwise crab's-eye, prayer-bead, used for ornament, as weights, and in medicine, from the Tupi-Guarani *jekirité*: "The serum of animals rendered immune to the toxic proteids of jequirity and castor-oil seeds."

DIDAPPER
(a) The *dabchick or little* grebe, hence, metaphorically, somebody who disappears and bobs up again; Pope: "The didappers are authors that keep themselves long out of sight under water, and come up now and again where you least expected them."

ROUNCE
(a) In a hand printing-press the apparatus, or its handle, for moving *the carriage, from the* Dutch *ronds* perhaps connected with round: "To the outside of the spit if fixed a handle, or rounce, by which the press-man turns the plank in or out at pleasure."

KEECH
(a) A lump of congealed fat, the fat of a slaughtered animal rolled up into a lump, origin obscure, but maybe Wessex dialect; Shake-*speare:* "I wonder/That such a keech can with his very bulk/Take up the rays o' th' beneficial sun/And keep it from the earth" (referring to Cardinal Wolsey, the son of a butcher)

SATURDAY 12

STAND AND DELIVER: True story of a teacher cajoling his Los Angeles high school students into passing an advanced maths exam. Warner West End, 10.30am.
ILLUSTRIOUS ENERGY: New Zealand about two Chinese immigrants working as gold-diggers in the late 19th century. NFT2, 11am.
CROSSING DELANCEY: A Jewish woman (Amy Irving) is unmarried at 33, so her grandmother hires a *matchmaker. Warm, sentimental* comedy. Lumiere, 11am.
SALAAM BOMBAY!: A country boy finds it tough going in the big city. NFT1, 1.30pm. (Also Nov 17.)
IN GEORGIA: Picturesque trip through the Soviet republic of Georgia. NFT2, 1.30pm.
TADPOLE AND THE WHALE: Canadian family film. ICA, 3pm.
THE REVOLVING DOORS: Slickly packaged Canadian tale about the mixed fortunes of a lady pianist (Monique Spaziani). *NFT1,* 6.15pm.
THE COLOR OF HONOR: The treatment of Japanese-born American citizens during World War Two. ICA, 6.15pm.
AMERICA, UNKNOWN LAND: Venezuelan film about life in the Spanish court after America's discovery. *NFT2,* 6.30pm.
DRIVING ME CRAZY: Quirky portrait of show business madness from British director Nicholas Broomfield. Dominion Theatre, 7.30pm.
A ONE WAY TICKET: From the Dominican Republic, telling a story of illegal immigrants smuggled into America. ICA, 8.45pm.

SUNDAY 13

OCTOBER: Eisenstein's classic revived with its original music. Odeon Leicester Square, 10am.
IN KEEPING WITH THE LAW: Excursion into Hungary's painful past through three hours of interviews with citizens deported to labour camps. *NFT1,* 10.30am.

SWAMY: Episodic Indian feature, from children's stories by R K Narayan. NFT2, 11am and ICA, 3pm.
RIKKY AND PETE: Australian comedy about a brother and sister trying to escape their problems in the Outback. Prince Charles, 11am.

A TAXING WOMAN'S RETURN: Sequel to Juzo Itami's Japanese comedy *A Taxing Woman* with Nobuko Miyamoto repeating her role as the inspector tracking down Japan's tax evaders. NFT1, 2pm.
HOXSEY: THE QUACK WHO CURES CANCER: Investigative documentary about Harry Hoxsey, who pioneered cancer treatments in America. NFT2, 3.30pm.
TANGO BAR: *Exuberant Latin* American musical. NFT1, 4.30pm. (Also Nov 14.)
THE DIARY OF KING YONSAN: *Oedipus complexes run riot through this* extravagant South Korean film. ICA, 6.15pm.

YES, GENERAL: Spanish comedy about elderly generals undergoing a course in modern warfare. NFT2, 8.30pm.
THE COMMISSAR: Aleksandr Askoldov's acclaimed 1967 film, about a pregnant commissar sheltering with a Jewish family. NFT1, 8.45pm.
SUMMERSAULTS: Sensitive Egyptian film portraying the ebb and flow of middle-class family life. ICA, 8.45pm.

MONDAY 14

FROSTY PARADISE: The title refers to Switzerland, where the central *characters are immigrants hoping* for political asylum. NFT2, 12.30pm and 6.15pm.
A SHORT FILM ABOUT KILLING: Gruelling analysis of the unmotivated murder of a taxi-driver from the Polish director Krzystof Kieslowski. NFT1, 2.30pm. (Also Nov 16).
MY FAVOURITE STORY: Feminist account of three generations of women from Anne-Marie Mieville. NFT2, 2.30pm and 8.30pm.
THE THIN BLUE LINE: Stylised documentary from the American Errol Morris about a prisoner convicted — for murdering policeman. ICA, 3pm.
FAR FROM THE WAR: Chinese film about a *veteran soldier who cannot* adjust to retirement. ICA, 6.15pm.
THE NATURE OF THE BEAST: Story of a Lancashire teenager in a town *facing redundancy, who develops an* obsession with a wild animal. NFT1, 6.30pm.
IT'S HAPPENING TOMORROW: *Italian romp about two 19th- century* lads pursued cross-country for the stealing gold. NFT1, 8.45pm.
SUN AND RAIN: Gentle Chinese film *from the director of Swan Song,* Zhang Zeming, about a placid woman librarian's friendship with an impulsive teenager. ICA 8.45pm.

TUESDAY 15

IMPROMPTU: *Sophisticated Turkish* drama exploring the growing relationship of a couple who meet in a mortuary. NFT2, 11am and 6.15pm.
THE CANNIBALS: *The latest enigma* from Portuguese veteran Manoel de Oliveira. NFT2, 2.30pm and 8.30pm.
THE SACRIFICE OF BABULAL BHUIYA: *Investigation into the fatal* shooting of an impoverished Indian worker by the Central Industrial Security Force. ICA, 6.15pm.
CRUSOE: Daniel Defoe's novel intelligently filmed by the former cameraman Caleb Deschanel. Warner West End, 8.45pm.

WEDNESDAY 16

THE DRESSMAKER: *Beryl* Bainbridge's novel about a teenage girl in wartime Liverpool whose romance with a GI causes flutters among her guardian aunts (Joan *Plowright and Billie Whitelaw). NFT1,* 11am and 8.45pm.
PRIVATE CODE: Italian re-working of Jean Cocteau's *La Voix humaine, with Ornella Muti as the girl deserted* by her lover. NFT2, 11am and 6.15pm.
HURRY, HE'S COMING: Czech social comedy about a family crammed *into a one-room flat.* NFT2, 2.30pm and 6.30pm.
ROUGE: Ghost story cum love story from Hong Kong's Stanley Kwan, with a fetching performance from Anita Mui as the prostitute who commits suicide and returns to earth 50 years later. ICA, 3pm and 6.15pm.
THE MIGRATION OF SPARROWS: Crazy, *fast moving* Georgian film by Teimuraz Babluani, made in 1979, *mostly set on an overcrowded train.* ICA, 8.45pm.

THURSDAY 17

MOTHER OF KINGS: The stark story of a Polish Mother Courage and her four sons. NFT2, 11am and 6pm
SHAME: *A woman barrister goes it* alone on holiday in the Australian Outback. NFT2, 2.30pm and 8.30pm.
TABATABA: The first feature ever *made in Madagascar, focusing on the* island's struggle for independence. ICA, 3pm and 8.45pm.
ROUGE OF THE NORTH: Worn *down by life's hard knocks, the heroine* of this Taiwanese drama finally plots her revenge. NFT1, 6.15pm.
RAG DOLL: Turkish film about a *country woman's fateful love affair with* a handyman. ICA, 6.15pm.
LADY IN WHITE: Masterly piece of poetic spookery from about a young boy's ghostly experiences at Hallowe'en. NFT1, 8.45pm.

FRIDAY 18

FROM RUSSIA WITH ROCK: Survey of rock music in the Soviet Union. NFT2, 11am and 6.15pm.
THE INEVITABLE: Otherwordly Indian drama, about the caretakers of an inn. NFT1, 2.30pm and 6.15pm.
A FILM WITH NO NAME: *Breakneck* Yugoslavian satire. NFT2, 2.30pm and 8.30pm.
THE HOUSE ON TRUBNAYA: Boris *Barnet's inventive portrait of a Moscow* apartment house, made in 1928. Museum of the Moving Image, 8.30pm.

SATURDAY 19

THE SERPENT AND THE RAINBOW: Wes Craven's nightmarish excursion into voodoo practices. Odeon West End, 10am.
THE ROMANCE OF BOOK AND SWORD: Period blockbuster by Hong Kong director Ann Hui, about the overthrow of the Ming dynasty. Lumiere, 10am. (Also Nov 21).
THE NAVIGATOR: Extraordinary feature, in which two medieval brothers threatened by the plague embark on a journey into the 1980s. NFT1, 11am.
SERVING TWO MASTERS: A down-and-out priest in Washington DC pricks the conscience of an executive in the fast lane. NFT2, 11am.
VOYAGE BEYOND: The Indian religious practice of *suttee* comes under *attack in this semi-absurdist film.* NFT1, 11am.
WHO KILLED VINCENT CHIN?: Chin was a Chinese-American beaten to *death on the night of his bachelor* party. NFT2, 1.30pm.
HANUSSEN: Klaus Maria Brandauer in a single-minded drama about an Austrian clairvoyant. NFT1, 3.30pm.
EMMA'S SHADOW: A spoiled brat fakes a kidnap to secure attention. Danish children's film. NFT2, 3.45pm.
DARKNESS: Five-hour epic from Indian television, exploring the divisions and violence prompted by the Partition. NFT2, 6.15pm.
MR UNIVERSE: Comedy about two Hungarians who travel across America to meet a former Mr Universe. NFT1, 6.30pm.

SUNDAY 20

BIRD: Clint Eastwood's impressive biography of Charlie Parker, with Forest Whitaker. Warner West End, 10.30am.
SOUTH: The difficulties of adjusting to life outside prison after the fall of Argentine's dictatorship. Lumiere, 10.30am.
PELLE THE CONQUEROR: Unsentimental account of an impoverished young boy and his father surviving on a turn-of-the century *Danish farm. Queen Elizabeth Hall,* 10.30am.
PESTONJEE. Subtle analysis of a triangular relationship in the Parsee community. NFT2, 11am.
JUST ASK FOR DIAMONDS: British private eye spoof, from the director of *Coming Up Roses, Stephen Bayly.* Prince Charles, 11am.
THE SOUND AND THE FURY: Portrait of a brutalizing society and its effect on the young from French director Jean-Claude Brisseau. NFT1, 1.15pm. (Also Nov 23).
DESPITE EVERYTHING: Simply-told story of a Turkish prisoner's difficult adjustment to life outside. NFT2, 1.30pm.
BIRDWATCHER: Russian film describing the turbulent relationship between a mature woman and a young ornithologist. NFT2, 3.30pm.
GHOSTS OF THE CIVIL DEAD: Feature by Australia's John Hillcoat, set in a prison which breeds violence. NFT1, 3.45pm.
KATINKA: Max von Sydow's respectful adaption of Herman Bang's novel about a provincial stationmaster's forlorn love affair. NFT1, 6.30pm.
CHEAP SHOTS: Off-the-wall American comedy. NFT2, 8.30pm.
BANTSUMA: Documentary about a vintage Japanese film star, *Tsumasaburo Bando. Museum of* the Moving Image, 8.30pm. (Also Nov 27).

MONDAY 21

BEST WISHES: Brazilian film about a family gathered in a mansion due to be pulled down. NFT2, 12.30pm and 6.15pm.
GIRLTALK: *Cinema vérité* film about three troubled Boston teenagers. NFT2, 2.30pm and 8.30pm.
HIGH ROPES: Mike Leigh's new social comedy, set in London's King's Cross area. NFT1, 4pm and 8.45pm.
ELECTRIC BLUE: *Italian whimsy:* Claudia Cardinale returns to the screen as a mysterious lady who appears before two children. NFT1, 6.30pm.

TUESDAY 22

THE YEAR MY VOICE BROKE: *Australian study of teenagers struggling* painfully towards maturity NFT1, 11am and 6.30pm.
MAPANTSULA: Blunt attack on apartheid made by black South Africans. NFT1, 2.30pm and 8.30pm.
FAREWELL TO THE CHANNEL: *Taiwanese feature about two* youngsters on the run. NFT2, 2.30pm and 8.45pm.

WEDNESDAY 23

A WINTER TAN: The last days of *New York feminist* Maryse Holder. NFT2, 11am and 8.45pm.
AMERICAN ROULETTE: British oddball Maurice Hatton's latest film — a *political thriller. NFT1,* 2.30pm and 8.30pm.
DANI, MICHI, RENATO & MAX: Documentary investigating the deaths of four young tearaways after various tussles with the Zurich police. NFT2, 2.30pm and 6.15pm.
SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON: Restored print of John Ford's 1948 Western. NFT1, 6pm.
DEAD RINGERS: David Cronenberg's potent psychological thriller; Jeremy Irons plays identical twins. Odeon West End, 8.45pm.

THURSDAY 24

LOVE AND FEAR: Margarethe von Trotta's loose re-working of Chekhov's *Three Sisters.* NFT1, 11am.
JEANNE'S HOUSE: Wispy French film about a family-run provincial hotel. NFT2, 11am and 6.15pm.
LANDSCAPE IN THE MIST: Theo Angeopoulos's *latest puzzler;* two children, searching for a father who may not exist. NFT1, 2.30pm and 8.30pm.
MARIE IN THE CITY: Canadian film about a teenager's friendship with a hooker. NFT2, 2.30pm and 8.45pm.
DAUGHTER OF THE NILE: Family drama starring teeny bopper Yang Lin as a girl obsessed with comic-strips. NFT1, 6.30pm.
MEMORIES OF ME: Billy Crystal and *Alan King in a wry comedy about a* bumpy father-son reunion. Prince Charles, 6.30pm.
BETRAYED: Costa-Gavras's latest political thriller, with Debra Winger done among the Midwest wheatfields. Empire, 9pm.

FRIDAY 25

THE MASK: *Romantic period* frippery from Italy, with Helena Bonham Carter as a travelling player wooed by an aristocrat. NFT1, 11am and 6.15pm.
LITTLE VERA: Unfettered portrait of a Soviet family. NFT2, 11am. (Also Nov 26).
VIRGIN: *A bored, unlovely teenager* on a family camping holiday is determined to lose her virginity. NFT1, 2.30pm and 8.45pm.
BIRD NOW: *Marc Hanson's* imaginative portrait of Charlie Parker. NFT2, 2.30pm. (Also Nov 27).
MONOLOGUE: *Rat Trap* director *Adoor Gopalakrishnan returns with a* striking film presenting two different versions of a young man's troubled life. NFT2, 6pm.

SATURDAY 26

THE MODERNS: Alan Rudolph's lush recreation of expatriates living in Paris in the 20s. Warner West End, 10.30am.
ONIMARU: *Wushu-style ninjutsu seen* through the eyes of Japanese director Kiju Yoshisa. Lumiere, 10.30am.
THE LEGEND OF THE HOLY DRINKER: Ermanno Olmi's fable about redemption, with Rutger Hauer as a wastrel in Paris. Curzon Shaftesbury Avenue, 10.30am.
THELONIOUS MONK: STRAIGHT, NO CHASER: Charlotte Zwerin's portrait of the bebop musician. NFT1, 11am.
WE THINK THE WORLD OF YOU: J R Ackerley's novel about a homosexual's obsession with his young friend's dog. NFT1, 1pm.
THE MICROSCOPE: Low-key German satire on male-female relationships by Rudolf Thome. NFT2, 1.15pm.
CAMP THIAROYE: Senegalese drama exploring racial tensions in a repatriation camp for African soldiers in 1944. NFT1, 3.15pm.
REMEMBRANCE: Japanese film recalling the growing pains of its writer-director Takehiro Nakajima. NFT1, 6.30pm.
JARRAPELLEJOS: Spanish drama about a corrupt businessman's grip on a small town. NFT2, 8.30pm.
LETTERS HOME: Video production by Chantal Akerman, based on the letters of the poet Sylvia Plath. Museum of Moving Image, 8.30pm.

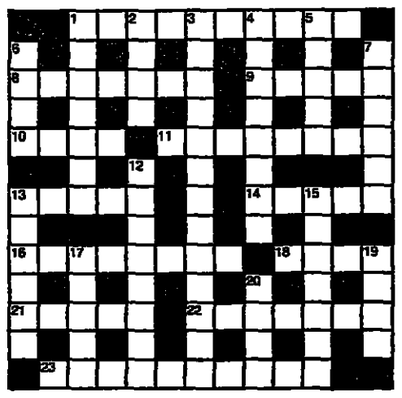
SUNDAY 27

DIE HARD: Bruce Willis as a New York cop caught in a terrorist attack. Odeon Leicester Square, 10.30am.
WOMAN ON THE EDGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN: Comedy from Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar about a woman with man problems. Warner West End, 10.30am.
HOME REMEDY: Delicious screwball comedy about two victims of American suburbia fighting to stave off terminal boredom. NFT2, 11am.
THE SPELL: Full-blooded "old dark house" romp from Iran. Lumiere, 11am.
THE ENCHANTED FOREST: Zany Spanish fantasy, with a gaggle of off-beat characters. NFT2, 3.30pm.
MAC AND ME: *An alien creature is* stranded in the wilds of suburban Los Angeles. NFT1, 3.45pm.
HARD TIMES: Modern treatment of Dickens's novel. NFT1, 6.15pm.

FOR QUEEN AND COUNTRY: Denzel Washington as a black ex-paratrooper trying to adjust to *civilian life in a London seething with* violence. NFT1, 8.45pm.

Booking for all venues through the National Film Theatre box office (01-928 3232), except London Film Makers Co-op (01-586 8516) and the Dominion (01-580 9562).

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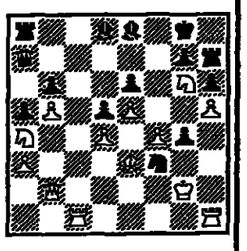
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Alekhine (White) and Capablanca (Black), played in the 1938 AVRO tournament. White, to move, wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times.*

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1 Rxf3 (2Qxg5 Rxf2 etc).

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 8258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tonight 7.30 Rossini's Barbiere di Siviglia. Tomorrow 7.30 The Barber of Seville.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Shortly info 836 6903. S. CC. THE ROYAL BALLET Tonight - Sat Westminster Mondays Week - not avail for public bookings.

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WESTMINSTER 834 0283/4 CC 834 0048 Until Nov 19 LONDON CITY OPERA Tonight 7.30 WERTHER Tomor 7.00 MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 cc 240 7913 /4 CC 741 9999/ 836 7588/ 379 4444 First call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Groups 930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO APRIL '89 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 867 1115 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (No bkg fee)/741 9999 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 867 1115 BEST MUSICAL SWET Award 1963 WILLY RUSSELL'S BLOOD BROTHERS Starring RIKI DEE "ASTONISHING - A Rainbow in British Musicals" S Exp "THRILLING, ORIGINAL and IMPORTANT...Brings the audience to its feet, and rousing it remains" D Mail Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

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AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. CC with bkg fee 240 7200/01-741 9999/Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Seats sometimes available - Call Today!!

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APOLLO Shaftes. Ave. 01-437 2663 CCTB 01-741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (No Bkg Fee) Grp Sls 01 930 6123 WILLY RUSSELL'S HILLER BARRY FOSTER CLAIRE PETERS in DRIVING MISS DAISY by Alfred Uhry Winner 1988 Pulitzer Prize "A Magical Performance" S.Tel Evgs. Mon-Sat 8.00 Mats. Sat 5.00 MUST END NOV 26

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.40** Leon Errol in *Home Work* (b/w). **6.55** Weather **7.00** Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Sally Magnusson. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**. **8.55** Regional news and weather **9.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Susan Rae and Mike Shaft receive viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To contribute ring 061 814 0424 **9.20** Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on a topical subject **10.00** News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). **10.25** Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane begins with Playbus **10.50** Gran (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. Robert Eddison with a reading **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers are asked to vote for one of three films to be shown this afternoon — *Berlin Express*, *Hotel Reserve* and *The Siege of Sidney Street* — all in black and white. **12.00** News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Includes Samantha Meah on different British accents. **12.55** Regional news and weather **1.00** One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. Mrs Mangel's behaviour pushes Daphne to the limit; and Gail is shattered by news concerning Rob **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly **2.15** Film. *Open Air* viewers at 11.00 voted for one of three thrillers — Berlin Express (1948, b/w) starring Merle Oberon; Hotel Reserve (1944, b/w) starring James Mason; or The Siege of Sidney Street (1960, b/w) starring Peter Wyngarde **3.40** Cartoon **3.50** Charlie Chalk with the voices of Michael Williams, John Wells and Barbara Leigh-Hunt **4.05** The Snorks. Cartoon series **4.20** What's Your Story? The final episode of the week **4.35** Bad Boyes. Episode four of the 10-part comedy serial **5.00** Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter with news of this year's Blue Peter Appeal. (Ceefax) **5.35** Neighbours (r). **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey **6.30** London Plus and weather **7.00** Top of the Pops introduced by Bruno Brookes and Sybil Ruscue. Simultaneous broadcast with stereo Radio 1 **7.30** EastEnders. Pauline decides to call a family conference after receiving a worrying letter from her brother in New Zealand; and at the Queen Vic, Wicksy becomes the latest target of interfering Mo. (Ceefax) **8.00** Tomorrow's World discovers how *Splitting Image* puppet technology is helping to restore mobility to the paralysed and disabled; and there is a visit to Banbury to see a new type of goods train **8.30** The River. Romantic comedy series starring David Essex and Katy Murphy. (Ceefax) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather **9.30** Thompson. (Ceefax) (see Choice) **10.00** Question Time introduced by Sir Robin Day. His guests are Janet Daley, Simon Jenkins and MPs Gerald Kaufman and David Mellor **11.00** Rapido includes Huey Lewis performing in Paris and Florence with Bob Geldof and Bruce Springsteen **11.30** Govan By-election Special presented by Kirsty Wark and Haig Gordon **1.00** approximately Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.20** Daytime on Two: bodies **9.40** Fighting racism **10.00** Science: joins **10.25** Thinkabout **10.40** Investigating science: classification **11.00** A street in rural Devon **11.20** London's Surrey Docks **11.40** An Army survival course for unemployed teenagers **12.10** Maths: statistics **12.30** The elections in Pakistan **12.55** Economic awareness **1.25** Little Misses and the Mister Men (r). **1.40** Music Time (r). **2.00** News and weather followed by Watch (r). **2.15** One Man and His Dog. Heat three features three Welsh shepherds (r). **3.00** News and weather followed by International Tennis. The Benson and Hedges championship from the Wembley Arena, introduced by Barry Davies. Includes News, regional news and weather at **3.50** **5.05** Grow Biz Quiz. Gardening quiz presented by Alan Titchmarsh **5.35** Country File reports from the Countryside Conference at the Royal Bath and West Showground (r). **6.00** Film: The Spy in Black (1939, b/w) starring Conrad Veidt, Sebastian Shaw and Valerie Hobson. First World War thriller about a plot hatched in the Orkneys to scupper the British fleet. Directed by Michael Powell. **7.20** Red Hot Rangers. A Tex Avery cartoon **7.30** Choir of the Year. The second quarter-final **8.00** Open Space: Albert Square E15. A portrait of a real Albert Square, this one situated near Stratford East **8.30** Top Gear includes William Woollard on the London to Brighton run; and a visit to a firm specializing in restoring old cars **9.00** Alexei Sayle's Stuff. Off-beat humour series **9.30** 40 Minutes: Desirable Dwellings. (Ceefax) (see Choice) **10.10** The Tracey Ullman Show. Award-winning comedy **10.30** Newsnight **11.15** Weather. **11.20** International Tennis. The Benson and Hedges Championship from Wembley Arena. Ends at **12.05am**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys and Kathy Rochford; **7.00** News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Rochford; **8.00** News; **9.00** News and After Nine which includes Claire Rayner's personal advice slot **9.25** Lucky Ladders. **9.55** Thames news and weather **10.00** The Time. . .The Place. . . Sue King chairs a discussion on a topical subject **10.40** This Morning. Today's edition of the magazine series includes advice on tackling family problems; and a furniture refurbishment item. Plus national news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** **12.10** Puddle Lane. Puppet series **12.30** Santa Barbara. Sun-struck soap set in California **1.00** News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20** Thames news and weather **1.30** Nocon on Photography. This last programme of the series features Terence Pepper of the National Portrait Gallery; portrait collector John Kobal; and Philippe Garner of Sotheby's discussing the increasing value of photographs **2.00** Richmond Hill. Australian drama serial **2.55** Home Cookery Club. Crunchy Fruit Layer (r). **3.00** Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game. **3.25** Thames news and weather **3.30** Sons and Daughters. **4.00** Button Moon. Puppet series **4.10** The Rattles **4.20** Dangermouse. Cartoon adventures of a secret service rodent. (Oracle) **4.45** Gilbert's Fridge with Phil Cornwell and John Eccleston **5.15** Blockbusters. **5.45** News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00** Thames news **6.25** Help with news of the London Lighthouse, Britain's first hospice for Aids sufferers **6.30** Emmerdale Farm. Joe has to make up his mind about where his future lies **7.00** Jimmy's. Real life dramas with the patients and staff of St James's University Hospital, Leeds **7.30** Chain Letters. Word game presented by Andrew O'Connor **8.00** The Bill. The Sun Hill police officers are investigating the kidnapping of a schoolgirl for a half a million pounds ransom. (Oracle) **8.30** This Week: No Surrender? With the Anglo Irish Agreement due for review, a documentary examining Ulster's Protestant and Unionist majority's isolation, fears and frustration. **9.00** The Equalizer. McCall comes to the assistance of a destitute family being terrorized by a landlord. (Oracle) **10.00** News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart **10.30** Thames news and weather **10.35** The City Programme includes a report on Edinburgh's canny bid to rival the Square Mile **11.05** 01- for London includes Linda McCartney discussing her photographs; and music from Abdullah Ibrahim and the Senators. Followed by Crimestoppers **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's prison **12.30am** Contacts. The first of a new, lighthearted lonely hearts series. Presented by Josephine Buchan and James Gaddas **1.00** What the Papers Say **1.15** Rock in the Dock. The Puppets in concert **2.15** News followed by Film: Keep Your Powder Dry (1944, b/w) starring Lana Turner. Second World War story of three WACs. Directed by Edward Buzzell **4.00** News followed by Too Close For Comfort. Comedy series **4.30** America's Top Ten. **5.00** ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools. **12.00** The Parliament Programme **12.30** Business Daily. **1.00** IT for the Terrified. The first of a five-part Open College series on information technology. (Oracle) **1.30** Circuit Training. Basic electronics series (r). (Oracle) **2.00** Mighty Moments From World History. The story of Boudicca (r). **2.50** Krida. A Czech animated film **3.00** A People's War. The fourth of a seven-part series about the home front during the Second World War (r). (Oracle) **4.00** Time to Talk. . The former Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Tonypandy, in conversation with Lesley Judd. **4.30** Fifteen-to-One. Quiz show **5.00** Film: When Willie Comes Marching Home (1950, b/w) starring Dan Dailey. Comedy about a small-town America Second World War volunteer who is posted to his home town as a gunnery instructor at a new air-base. Directed by John Ford **6.30** The Sharp End includes news of possible job losses in the north of England if Elders IXL succeeds in taking over Scottish & Newcastle Breweries **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen **7.50** Comment followed by Weather **8.00** Hot Property. The last in the series for home dwellers **8.30** A Different World. Comedy **9.00** Film on Four: The Good Father (1986) starring Anthony Hopkins. An award-winning drama about a man who becomes a weekend father when his marriage breaks up. Directed by Mike Newell **10.45** True Stories: Joe Leahy's Neighbours. A documentary about tribal systems versus western culture in Papua New Guinea. (Oracle) **12.30am** Film: The Oberwald Mystery (1980) starring Monica Vitti. Drama about a widowed middle European queen and her romance with the man who has come to assassinate her. Directed by Michelangelo Antonioni. Ends at **2.55.**

Going round the houses



Window on the world of architecture: Lucinda Lambton visits one of her favourite buildings, the 17th-century Tree House in Shropshire, former home of Lady Sybil Grant (BBC2, 9.30pm)

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Lucinda Lambton is a very funny lady whose tours of the offbeat and eccentric, from lavatories to animal homes, have become a television treat. In tonight's film for the 40 Minutes series (BBC2, 9.30pm), she takes her bounding, jolly hockey sticks enthusiasm and husky chuckle to some of Britain's more outlandish houses. The first stop is Cardiff Castle, a flamboyant creation of the Victorian architect William Burges and Lambton quickly warms to her theme. "This room's quite overwhelming!" she declares, almost daring us not to be overwhelmed as well. Burges gets another mention as the hero of the ruralist painter, Graham Ovenden, who has wisely given up his semi in the Heathrow flight path to build his own 20th-century castle in leafy Cornwall. It has taken him 15 years already, with another 12 to 15 years to go. "If you're lamenting that the romance of creating such buildings as these is dead and gone forever," enthuses Lambton, "you'd be wrong, wrong, wrong." And so to a church in Chichester that has eight little houses built into it, a Hollywood hacienda in Derbyshire and the aptly named "Farrago", decorated outside and in with tiles, paying not the slightest regard to pattern, symmetry or logic. Each of these gems would make a programme in itself but there is so much architecture on TV at the moment that Lambton's offering was probably best left short and sweet. The Prince of Wales would surely approve.

● Actress, comedienne, singer and dancer and now writer of her own show: Emma Thompson displays her talent and versatility in **Thompson** (BBC1, 9.30pm). I thought the best sketch was the first, a very funny spoof on TV cookery programmes and relentlessly jolly TV presenters of the *Tomorrow's World* school, in which Thompson is joined by the splendid Imelda Staunton. Others may pick up the funny-sad and shrewdly observed dialogue between Thompson and her *Fortunes of War* co-star, Kenneth Branagh, as a couple in the throes of splitting up who are arguing about who should keep what from their record collection. There are also two excursions into rudery, one involving the liberal use of a four-letter word which can be more politely translated as breaking wind, and a Jane Austen-style explanation of the facts of life. With the reservation that Thompson relies too much for her targets on middle-class trendies, this promises to be a fresh and lively series.

Peter Waymark

Some colourful yarns

RADIO CHOICE



Kaffe Fassett gets to the point on knitting (R4, 11.25am)

● Normally, wild horses would not drag from me an admission that radio cannot improve on anything television can do. But I would be pleading radio's cause to the point of fanaticism if I pretended that this week's **Conversation Piece** (Radio 4, 11.25am), in which Sue MacGregor chats with Kaffe Fassett, the American painter turned textile designer, would not have benefited from some visuals. Any man who paints with wool, as Fassett does, is incompletely portrayed if we cannot see the patterns and colours he creates with his yarns, and examine the texture of the materials which carry his designs. Since we are denied pictures, we must depend on his — and MacGregor's — words. As it turns out, the words wove some pleasant pictures in my mind, including that of the sweater Fassett wears for the interview — a prospect of houses with lots of windows. *Conversation Piece* certainly sharpens the appetite for the exhibition of Fassett designs which opens at the V & A in London next week. MacGregor also elicits from Fassett some interesting ideas for men who, tired of reading on buses, planes and trains, are casting about for some way to while away the long hours. Fassett beats tedium by whipping out his needles, and "knitting like mad".

● Considering that hardly a week goes by without some new revelation about negligence on the part of our social services, it is strange that Anneke's Baby (Radio 4, 3.00pm) has had such a lengthy gestation. But, topical and important though it may be, Guy Slater has not just written a drama about the administrative loophole that a baby's life slips through. He has intercut it with another plot that tries to explain the process whereby a hellish home environment can turn a caring parent into a killer. This is strong stuff, and strong too is some of the dialogue that Slater has given Brenda Bruce, playing the boozy woman who is largely responsible for the play's high infant mortality rate.

Peter Davalle

VARIATIONS

This Week **11.25** Weekend Outlook **11.35** The Fugitive" **12.30am** Film: Stone Killer **2.30** Quiz Night **3.00** West This Week **3.45** Trans World Sport **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

BBC1 WALES: **6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **1.00am-1.05** News and weather SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **8.30-9.00** Superscot NORTHERN IRELAND: **6.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **8.30-9.00** Spotlight **11.00-11.30** The River ENGLAND: **6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:**1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **10.35** Pointers **11.05** Wideangle **11.35** Film: Body Heat **1.35am** Night Gallery **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Kojak **4.35-5.00** Fifty Years On.

BORDER As London except:**1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **10.35** Wallace **1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: Codename Widgeese **2.00am** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Night Beat **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.35pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** News **10.35** Central Lobby **1.05** Eco **11.35** Boxing **12.05am** Film: Lone Wolf McQuade **2.15** Sportsworld **3.15** The Time...The Place **3.55** New Squadronaires **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **10.35** Facing South **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Hodson Confidential **12.30am** Film: Conquest of the Planet of the Apes **2.00** Sports Action **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Quiz Night **4.10** America's Top 10 **4.40-5.00** Fifty Years On.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**1.20pm-1.30** Grampian news **6.00-6.30** North Tonight **10.35** Cram Tara **11.05** Married ... With Children **11.30** What the Papers Say **11.45** Twilight Zone **12.00** Film: Codename Widgeese **2.00am** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.45** Night Beat **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

GRANADA As London except:**1.20pm-1.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **10.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30** What the Papers Say **11.45** Twilight Zone **12.00** Film: Codename Widgeese **2.00am** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.35** Night Beat **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:**1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** News **10.35** West **HTV WALES** As HTV West except:**6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six **10.35** Wales This Week **11.05-11.35** Rugby Round-Up.

SCOTTISH As London except:**1.20pm-1.30** Scotland Today **3.30-4.00** Human Factor **6.00-6.30** Scotland Today **7.30-8.00** Scottish Questions **10.35** Kojak **11.30** Scottish Picture Show **11.45** Govan By-Election Special **12.30am** Film: Green Hell **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Off the Wall **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder.

TSW As London except:**1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Today **10.35** Spanish Connection **11.35** California Highway **12.00** Film: Codename Widgeese **2.00am** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.45** Night Beat **4.40** TSW Jobfinder **4.45-5.00** TSW Community Action.

TVS As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **10.35** Facing South **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Hodson Confidential **12.30am** King's World of Horror **1.30** Twilight Zone **2.00** Sports Action **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Quiz Night **4.10** America's Top 10 **4.40-5.00** Fifty Years On.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Party with the Rovers **1.30-1.35** News **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **10.35** Northern Eye **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: Codename Widgeese **2.00am** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.45** Night Beat **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:**1.20pm-1.30** Newstime **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Six Tonight **6.20-6.30** Police Six **10.35** Counterpoint **11.05** Carson's Law **12.00** Film: Codename Widgeese **2.00am** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Night Beat **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Calendar **10.35** Above the Trenches **11.15** Special Squad **12.10am** Film: Take This Job and Shove It **2.00** Police Precinct **3.00** Sledge Hammer **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts:**9.30am** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Flalabalam **1.00** Open College **2.00** Old Country **2.30** Film: Time Machine **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** Landshapes **5.30** Abbot and Costello **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Helfa **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** O Vaughan I Fynwy **8.00** Dinas **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Roc Cymraeg — Y Groestfordd **9.55** Signals **10.55** Friday Night Almost Live **12.00** Film: Oberwald Mystery **2.25** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:**2.30pm** Room for Change **3.00** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Deadin Line **5.30** A Country Practice **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Sox-One **6.45** Garda Patrol **7.00** Top of the Pops **7.30** Know Your Sport **8.00** Jake and the Fat Man **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Bibi **11.10** Hard Times **11.40** Mart and Market **11.45** Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Flora Dora Folk. **3.10** Care Bears **3.35** Owl Service **4.10** Pat's Pals **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Once Upon a Time ... Life **5.25** Campbells **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nauclst **7.30** Airwaves **8.00** Return Journey **9.00** Work and Windy **9.30** Falcon Crest **10.30** Network News **10.50** Nightchawks **11.35** Closedown.

Radio 1

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30am** **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat with Ian Parkinson **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat with Ian Parkinson **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.00** Top Of The Pops (simultaneous broadcast with BBC1) **7.30** Phillip Schofield Live On Thursday **8.30** Andy Kershaw **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** Ronnie Hilton **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** Chris Serle **7.00** Wally Whyton featuring Tom T Hall in concert **9.00** Paul Jones live from Memphis, Tennessee **10.00** The News Huddlines **10.30** Humoresque (Tony Capstick) **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Bill Rennells presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00 World News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Mediawatch **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** The Fallen Idol **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Society Today **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** The Million Pound Radio Show **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** Book Choice **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Folk in Britain **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** Mediawatch **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Assignment **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Mendam **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Seven Seas **9.30** Mediawatch **9.45** Talking From... **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Music Now **11.45** English — A Language for the World **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Best on Record **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Folk in Britain **1.45** Talking From... **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Seven Seas **2.30** Citizens **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** Six Four Eight News Headlines **6.55** Financial News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines **7.00** Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Concerto in D, RV95, (La pastorella): Taverner Players under Parrott); Schubert (An Sylvia: Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, soprano, with Edwin Fischer, piano): Alfven (Swedish Rhapsody No 1: Stockholm PO under Jarvi) **7.30** News **7.35** Morning Concert (contd): Nicolai (Overture to The Merry Wives of Windsor: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner); Dvorak (Serenade in D minor Op 44: Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Schneider); Ravel (Daphnis and Chloë Suite No 2: Saint Louis SO and Chorus under Slatkin) **8.30** News **8.35** Composers of the Week: Berg. Suite from Lulu: LSO under Abbado with Margaret Price (soprano); Violin Concerto (To the Memory of an Angel): Amsterdam Concertgebouw under Markevitch with Arthur Grumiaux **9.35** From the 1720s: Bach (Cantata No 60, O Ewigkeit du Donnerwort: Vienna Concentus Musicus under Harnoncourt with Paul Esswood, counter-tenor, Kurt Equiluz, tenor, and Ruud van der Meer, bass); Albinoni (Concerto in C for oboe and strings Op 9 No 5: I Musici with Heinz Holliger); Couperin (Treizième Ordre: Rafael Puyana, harpsichord); Wassenaer (Concerto Armonico No 6 in E flat: I Musici) **10.35** The Romantic Horn: Wendy Eathorne (soprano), Michael Goldthorpe (tenor), Michael Thompson (horn) and Geoffrey Pratley (piano) perform Lachner's Er, der Herrlichste von allen, Die Seejungfern, and Nachts in der Kajüte; Beethoven's Horn Sonata in F; and Schubert's Auf dem Strom (r) **11.20** Philharmonic Orchestra in Braunschweig: Edward Downes conducts Berlioz' Overture to The Corsair; Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini; and Tchaikovsky's Suite No 3 in G. With Jorge Bolet (piano). Includes **12.00** Interval reading **1.00** News **1.05** Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Augustin Dumay (violin) and Gordon Back (piano) play Maynard's Sonata in G Op 13; and Ravel's Tzigane



Live concert by the pianist Maurizio Pollini (R3, 7.30pm)

2.05 Guercoeur: Roger Nichols introduces the three act tragedy by Albéric Magnard sung in French and performed by Toulouse Capitole Orchestra under Michel Plasson with José van Dam (baritone) in the title role **5.30** Mainly for Pleasure: With Richard Baker **7.00** News **7.05** Third Ear: The Music Director of the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Riccardo Chailly, in conversation with Bernard Keeffe **7.30** Maurizio Pollini: Live from the Festival Hall, London. As part of the Reluctant Revolutionary the pianist performs Brahms's Four Pieces Op 119; Schoenberg's Six Little Pieces Op 19, Five Pieces Op 23, and Two Pieces Op 33 **8.15** Kingman Abroad: Professor Sir Randolph Quirk on the Kingman report on English teaching **8.35** Maurizio Pollini (contd): Stockhausen's Piano Pieces Nos 1, 4 and 9; and Beethoven's Sonata in F minor Op 57 (Appassionata) **9.25** Conversations with Alexander Pope: With John Rye and Trevor Nichols (r) **9.55** Music in our Time: BBC SO under Lionel Friend with Tracey Chadwell (soprano) and Peter Hill (piano) perform the first UK broadcasts of Keith Gifford's Late Snow; Gavin Bryars's Pico's Flight; and Zsolt Durko's Piano Concerto **11.00** Composers of the Week: Beethoven. Overture to Egmont; Sonata in C Op 53 (Waldstein); and Symphony No 8 in F (r) **12.00** News. Ends **12.05am.**

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF** **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather **9.00** News **9.05** Face the Facts: John Waite investigates companies, officialdom and bureaucracy on your behalf **9.30** I Love My Morris Minor: A celebration of the Minor's 40th birthday (s) (r) **10.00** News; The Natural History Programme: Mountain walker, Stephen Penn, talks about the Pyrenees and explorer Margaret Mee talks about the Amazon; plus a run-down of books for Christmas **10.45** An Act of Worship (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Citizens **11.25** Conversation Piece (see Choice) **11.50** First Person: Anton Antonovicz, a *Daily Mirror* reporter, talks about his work (7 of 13) **12.00** News; You and Yours investigates the claim that unburnt aircraft fuel is causing an "acid rain" environment around our airports **12.25** Second Thoughts: A comedy in eight episodes by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie, with James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham (2) (s) (r) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.40** The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: Includes a feature on doll's houses that investigates why some adults obsessed with them to the extent someone paid £25,000 for one recently; Sheila Whitaker, organizer of the London Film Festival, talks about the increase in the numbers of women producers and directors; plus a look at the "Di and Charles watchers" **3.00** News; Anneke's Baby: Play by Guy Slater (s) (see Choice) **4.00** News **4.05** Bookshelf: Includes a review of a biography of Gerard Hoffnung; plus an interview with poet and novelist Patricia Beer **4.35** Kaleidoscope (r) **5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report **6.30** Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin hosts a general musical knowledge quiz (s) (r) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Any Answers? Brian Gear with a selection of listeners' responses to subjects raised in last week's *Any Questions?* **7.30** The Radio Programme: Laurie Taylor with the magazine about radio and its programmes (r) **8.00** A Sideways Look at . . . by Anthony Smith (r) **8.15** Analysis: Conservatively Speaking. John Edinow looks at New Conservatism in Britain and its implications for Tory party policy **9.00** Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners and their families **9.30** Ian Skidmore with recordings from the BBC Sound Archives (r) **9.45** Kaleidoscope: Includes an interview with Timberlake Wertenbaker about her book *The Love of the Nightingale* and with Sheila Whitaker, organizer of the London Film Festival; plus a report on an Edvard Munch exhibition; and a review of ENO's production of Philip Glass's new minimalist opera *The Making of the Representative for Planet 8* **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: Five stories by L P Hartley (4) Someone in the Lift **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **9.05-10.45am** For Schools: **9.05** Preview **1.10** Together — An Assembly for Schools **9.30** Living Language **9.50** First Steps in Drama **10.10** Something to Think About **10.20** Tales of Narnia **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Teachers' Talk **11.05** In the News **11.30** Pictures in Your Mind **11.40** Listen! **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Looking at Nature **2.20** Slambash Wangs of a Compo Gormer **2.40** Science for All **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10pm** Schools Night Time: **12.30** Deutsch fur die Oberstufe **12.50** Deutscher Club

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Baker's policy satisfies critics

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twenty-first century, the Secretary of State was retreating to the nineteenth.

However, there was some nervousness in Tory ranks with backbenchers asking for more information about how the scheme would work. Contrary to the hopes of some of his backbenchers, Mr Baker was not able to present a final package.

Talks are to be held between the department and financial institutions to persuade them to act as lenders.

Banking sources said that it was difficult to see what was in the scheme for them, suggesting costs would have to be met by customers and so calling into question the low-interest nature of the planned deal.

The Banking Information Services said that there were a "number of serious questions and details which need to be answered. "We cannot understand why the Government has taken until now to to consult us – they have been planning these proposals for several years."

Mr Straw said the scheme was driven by the Government's obsession with cutting public expenditure, but Mr Baker was cheered by his own supporters when he countered by saying that its net cost to the Treasury was £850 million.

Mr Baker arrived at that figure by adding up the higher public spending involved to the end of the century. Although the money will not be loaned by the Treasury, it still has to be counted in spending totals because of Government underwriting guarantees.

Defending his scheme, Mr Baker said that parents would be paying substantially less to support their children in higher education.

The terms proposed were much more favourable than the bank overdrafts students relied on at present and the scheme represented an important step away from the dependency culture, he said.

"Students will have a financial stake in their own future, and this will encourage greater economic awareness and self-reliance. The burden of student support on taxpayers and parents will be reduced.

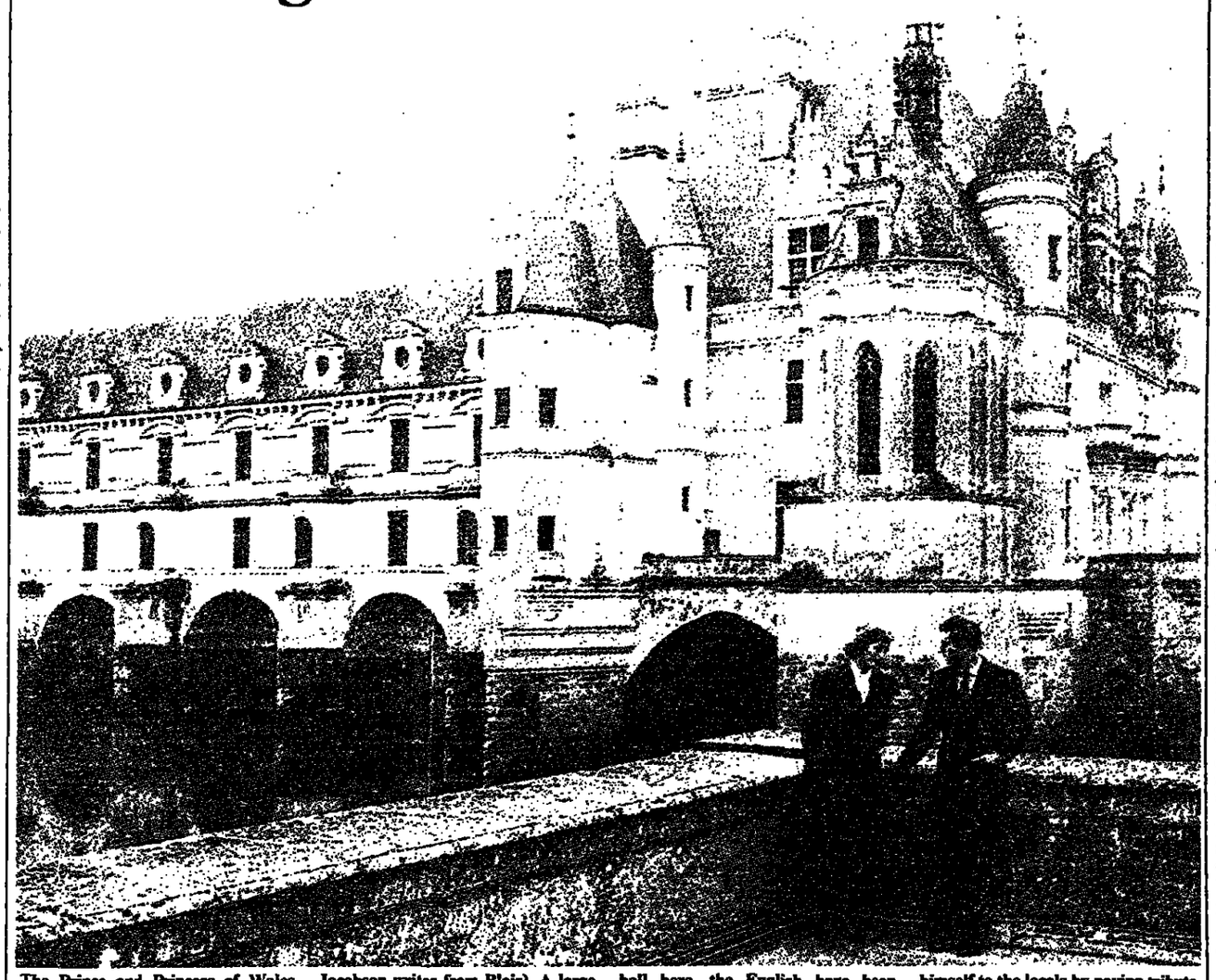
"For the first time there will be guaranteed extra source of income for students over and above their grants and parental contributions."

Miss Auriol Stevens, director of the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals, said that university heads have been concerned that students have been "living on the breadline" for some time and that the proposals in the White Paper would mean that they would be worse off.

Mr Fred Dawson, general secretary of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, said that the scheme would deter students from low income families.

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Prince goes 'home' to Loire chateau



The Prince and Princess of Wales relaxing yesterday at the Château de Chenonceau as the royal visit to France took them through the Loire Valley. The royal couple had every reason to feel at home (Philip Jacobson writes from Blois). A large part of this lovely region was once ruled by Henry II of England, by way of the dowry from Eleanor of Aquitaine, and as Prince Charles acknowledged in a graceful speech at the town hall here, the English have been coming to Blois to learn the language for 400 years. "A great many of my fellow countrymen have taken the same road as us and been equally entranced," he said. He endeared himself to the locals by paying tribute to Blois' (disputed) claim to be the home of classical French, suggesting, in excellent French, that he would benefit from a few sessions there. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Royal couple captivate reserved Parisians

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

It is said that if a Parisian likes you, quiet approval will be shown; if not, it will be made very clear. During the three days the Prince and Princess of Wales have been honoured guests in Paris, Parisians have broken with tradition by becoming daily more enthusiastic about their visit.

"Charles and Di reign over Paris" was the front-page headline in yesterday's *France-Soir* over a large colour photograph of the Princess in the stunning black and white tunic outfit that on Tuesday caused the French to revise their opinion that British fashion consists of macintoshes and scarves.

Pictures published in other newspapers show both M Michel Rocard, the French Prime Minister, and M Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris – and former Prime Minister – completely under her spell as they talk to her.

Yesterday began with a visit to the British School for the Princess and a visit to Aerospatiale, the company which builds Ariane rockets, for the Prince.

Dressed in a close-fitting tartan coat with velvet revers and white silk shirt, the Princess did her best to talk to as many pupils as possible both outside the British School and as she walked through the classrooms. In a French class she admitted to the amused children that she was a complete dunce in French, despite having studied it in school.

Thatcher sees US economy as only obstacle

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ference" between her Government and the US Administration was on the US Budget deficit.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has said forcefully on more than one occasion that America must reduce the deficit, currently running at some $170 billion (£96.6 billion) and which is coupled with a trade deficit of $11 billion a month.

There is some nervousness in the City that Mr Bush's largely negative campaign has not given him a specific mandate for action. Mrs Thatcher is determined to push the Administration into urgent action on convening a Middle East peace conference.

She said that she hoped the issue would be put onto the front burner and that "they really will strain every muscle, every effort, to try to sort out the differences between Israel and their Arab neighbours and the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people".

Mrs Thatcher's assumption is that Reaganite policies and attitudes will carry on virtually uninterrupted under Mr Bush. But she will be anxious to assure herself that there will be no reversion to the rhetoric of the 1986 Reykjavik summit, when Mr Reagan appeared ready to sign away the armouries of the West.

She wants to ensure that American signatures on any Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty will only follow effective reductions in conventional forces in Europe.

There is considerable nervousness among the European members of Nato that the new presidency, with its economic problems, might seek to reduce America's commitment of some 300,000 men to European defence.

This has been a constant underlying theme in US-European relations over recent years, and Mrs Thatcher took the opportunity of her address to the US Congress in 1985 to emphasize to America that 95 per cent of Nato's divisions are provided, manned and paid for by the European allies.

On protectionism, Mrs Thatcher acted as a bridge at this year's economic summit in Toronto between the Americans, who were calling for the elimination of all farm subsidies by the year 2000, and the Common Market countries who wanted progress over a longer period. She sees protectionist trade war issues between Europe and the US as a problem with Capitol Hill rather than with the White House.

Despite widespread comments that Mr Bush had won with a negative campaign concentrated on criticizing Mr Dukakis, Mrs Thatcher yesterday offered her "warmest congratulations" to Mr Bush on a "very clear, decisive result after a very positive campaign".

She praised also Mr Dukakis, on his "generous and graceful" concession of defeat.

Mrs Thatcher declared of Mr Bush: "We have had a special relationship for many years. I hope that will continue. I believe the same positive policies will continue. I think we should look forward to the same close relationship that we have had in the past."

Political sketch

Bringer of joy to Anchorage igloos

There will be rejoicing in the igloos of Anchorage this morning. News that George Bush is Alaska's new President will be thrust aside as Eskimos leap through the snow in a wild victory dance around their latest *Hansard*.

Tony Banks (Labour, Newham North West) records, in Motion 1528, his admiration for the Eskimos' "combined skills and efforts" bringing about "the rescue of these wonderful creatures", the Grey Whales. Even the whales may cast off their customary emotional reserve and do a little hop-skip-and-jump through the ice-floes, rejoicing in the affections of their new friend.

Basking in their reflected joy, I studied a newspaper photograph of Mrs Virginia Bottomley MP, stroking a seal, looking lovely, as was Mrs Bottomley, and wandered into Wednesday's Scottish Questions.

The Scots Tory whips deserve a prize. They had forseen that canvassing in Govan would empty the chamber of Scots Tories on Wednesday. So – mysteriously – dozens of *English* members had obscure questions down on Scotland.

Norfolk North's Mr Henry Bellingham, asked, sheepishly: "As a frequent holidayer in Scotland..." about the A74. Lord James Douglas Hamilton, deputed to reply, is the kind of painstakingly polite aristocrat who gets called "a real gent." They had to take away his ministerial car because he kept holding the door open for his chauffeur.

"I don't know who's handing out these daft supplementaries to English backbenchers," chuckled the lucid and likeable Donald Dewar, Labour's Shadow Scottish Secretary. The Tories like to to embarrass Mr Dewar by praising his moderation. But there are claws beneath Dewar's silk.

The junior minister, Michael Forsyth (a fearsomely competent but – shall we say – unsentimental Scot: a sort of macho Jean Brodie) had been explaining about heart operations. Dewar suggested that Forsyth might start by implanting one in his own breast. "My Hon Friend is absolutely right," Forsyth kept replying to Englishmen's supplementaries. As his office had provided them, this was unsurprising.

Bill Walker was one of the two Scots Tories to speak. He was wearing a kilt – his ethnic dignity only slightly undermined by that fact that (because he used to own an airline which was rumoured to possess no aeroplanes) he is affectionately known in the House as Biggles. But then there is a good humour about Scottish parliamentary occasions that party hatreds cannot quite dispel.

Only once did ministers look seriously discomfited – and that was when Labour's Mrs Ray Mitchie asked a real question: could Mr Forsyth *define* the term "near-market research" which was being bandied about? *Questions* are so rare in Questions that they leave ministers floundering. This one did.

The education secretary, Kenneth Baker, faced few real questions after his student loan statement. Its gist was that as students are now so desperately poor and in debt (this is as of yesterday: previously the position was that they were doing fine so their grants could be cut) they were to be offered the chance to get into even more debt. "And this," announced Mr Baker, beaming triumphantly, "will reduce Dependency".

Jack Straw, replying for Labour, offered the House little more than a sub-NUS rant, lobbing the customary accusations about the Tories being anti-student, favouring the rich, etc.. He might have pointed to those problems which block the road from theory to practice and which for nearly ten years have deflected the Government from bringing in the promised loans scheme – but he didn't.

So Mr Baker batted questions airily back for 40 minutes or so, unwittingly saved sketchwriters the bother of thinking up their own jokes by thanking a Mr Brazier (Conservative, Canterbury) for his support, and floated out as the House prepared to hear about earthquakes in Stoke. Perhaps it was to write another speech on the need for public figures to set a moral example to the nation. Perhaps he will deliver it to the Cabinet, next time.

Matthew Parris

Bush chooses Baker

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Bush to concede defeat and congratulate the winner even before polls had closed on the West Coast.

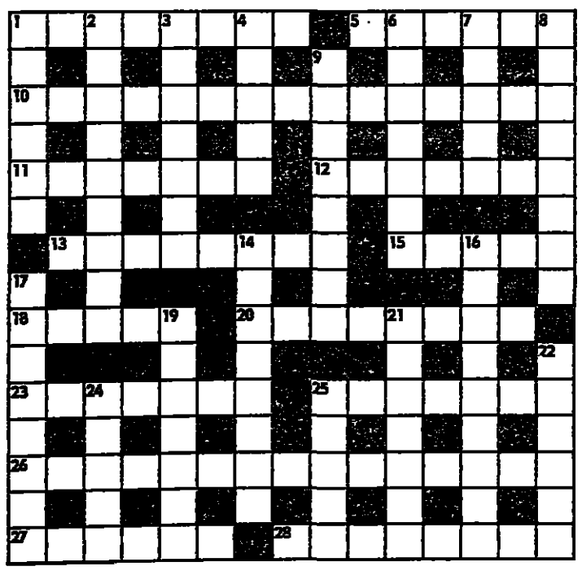
President Reagan told White House workers yesterday morning uncharacteristically: "I just don't have any words, and that's unusual for me." He added: "You've been the greatest team and it's been a joy to work with you. As for last night, I think everything came out all right."

● MOSCOW: President Gorbachov warmly congratulated Mr Bush and hinted that an early summit would be beneficial for both countries (A Correspondent writes).

He hoped the two superpowers would further develop "stable and predictable" relations.

The message, carried on the official Tass news agency and Soviet television, said: "The Soviet Union is prepared to continue and deepen mutually beneficial Soviet-American co-operation in the widest possible range of issues."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,823



ACROSS

1 Mediterranean Jew has pride hurt (8).
5 Mark of achievement for state musicians (6).
10 Early unpleasantness for club members? (7, 8).
11 Knocked senseless, hooligan accepts help (4, 3).
12 We'd heard the order (7).
13 Run into the trees for some old clothes (8).
15 Breeze at first, then stronger wind whips round the roof wall (5).
18 Problem children (5).
20 Speech training society withheld from poor chorister (8).
23 Polo did look hard (7).
25 I fled in panic from the Saracen (7).
26 Rare memory for astronaut of miserable Apollo landing? (4,2,1,4,4).
27 Group of legal points for one in possession? (6).
28 Operate a 24-hour routine (8).

DOWN

1 I show pleasure about comparison (6).
2 Preconception of role one follows on leaving jail (5,4).
3 Many in the first class bearing stout (7).
4 A number giving advice about vegetable patch (5).
6 Some idea it may be Indian fish (7).
7 After greeting, it's right briefly to turn away (5).
8 How to ruffle a she-devil? (8).
9 Aversion from hell: good judgement (8).
14 Sort of chestnut, maybe, but it needs someone to make one up (8).
16 Heavy drinking followed by collapse deprives one of sense (9).
17 Old woman eating sweet will show you the sights (8).
19 Books hidden in the heather – they're blue (7).
21 Not the busy time to be away from the Derbyshire district (3-4).
22 Hard-hearted, like the captain who found treasure? (6).
24 Accountant is jailed: it's a hard case (5).
25 Soldier raised stake for dwelling (5).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

JEQUIRITY
a. Trial by lottery
b. Indian liquorice
c. An Afghan gymkhana

DIDAPPER
a. The dabchick
b. Excessively spruce
c. The brake on a water-wheel

ROUNCE
a. The handle of a printing-press
b. A fast woman
c. To beat at skittles

KEECH
a. A lump of fat
b. To fish the bottom
c. To sneak or tell tales

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,822

L	A	M	P	R	E	Y	■	J	A	N	I	T	O	R
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F	O	X	T	R	O	T	■	G	A	R	M	E	N	T

WEATHER England, Wales and western Scotland will begin dry but rather cloudy with some light drizzle near southern coasts and the far South-east. Rain over Northern Ireland and western Scotland during the morning will move into south-west England, Wales and the rest of Scotland in the afternoon. Outlook: Sunny periods and scattered light showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	20	66	f	Luxor	28	82	s
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Madrid	16	61	c
Alex'dria	21	70	c	Majorca	21	70	c
Algiers	24	75	s	Malta	20	68	c
Amst'dm	10	50	r	Mexico C*	21	70	s
Athens	15	59	r	Miami*	26	79	c
Bahrain	29	84	s	Milan	9	48	s
Barbados*	29	84	r	Montreal*	8	46	c
Bermuda	17	63	r	Moscow	-7	19	c
Belgrade	0	32	fg	Munich	3	37	r
Berlin	3	37	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Bermuda*	25	77	c	Naples	12	54	c
Biarritz	23	73	s	N York*	12	54	c
Borde'x	19	66	c	Nice	15	59	c
Brussels	13	55	r	Oslo	1	34	sn
Budapst	5	41	r	Paris	12	54	r
B Aires*	26	79	s	Peking	9	48	s
Cairo	21	70	r	Prague	2	36	s
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Reykjvk	5	41	r
C'blanca	23	73	r	Rhodes	17	63	s
Chicago*	8	46	s	Rio de J	25	77	s
Ch'church	21	70	s	Riyadh	32	90	s
Cologne	9	48	r	Rome	16	61	s
Copnhgn	4	39	c	Salzburg	3	37	s
Corfu	17	63	r	S F'isco*	15	59	c
Dublin	9	48	c	Santiago*	27	81	r
Dubrovnik	16	61	r	S Paulo*	27	81	r
Faro	21	70	c	Seoul	12	54	c
Florence	14	57	s	Sing'por	30	86	r
Frankfurt	6	43	r	St'kholm	1	34	r
Funchal	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	7	45	r
Geneva	7	45	r	Sydney	25	77	r
Gibraltar	20	68	r	Tangier	21	70	r
Helsinki	-1	30	s	Tel aviv	20	68	r
Innsbrck	10	50	s	Tenerife	18	64	r
Istanbul	10	50	r	Tokyo	18	64	s
Jeddah	32	90	s	Toronto*	5	41	r
Jo'burg*	24	75	s	Tunis	25	77	r
Karachi	29	84	c	Valencia	21	70	s
L Palmas	22	72	r	Vanc'ver*	6	43	r
Le Touet	12	54	r	Venice	10	50	s
Lisbon	19	66	c	Vienna	3	37	s
L Angels*	18	64	r	Warsaw	0	32	r
Luxemby	7	45	c	Wash'ton*	13	55	c

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.51	6.9	2.05	6.8
Aberdeen	1.13	4.1	1.35	4.1
Avonmouth	7.20	12.6	7.34	12.6
Belfast	11.06	3.2	11.22	3.3
Cardiff	7.05	11.6	7.19	11.7
Devonport	5.58	5.4	6.14	5.3
Dover	11.08	6.4	11.26	6.4
Falmouth	5.28	5.2	5.44	5.1
Glasgow	12.37	4.6	1.05	4.5
Harwich	—	—	noon	3.9
Holyhead	10.21	5.4	10.37	5.4
Hull	6.22	7.2	6.39	7.2
Ilfracombe	6.01	8.9	6.15	8.9
Leith	2.31	5.3	2.51	5.3
Liverpool	11.19	9.1	11.34	9.0
Lowestoft	9.27	2.5	9.53	2.4
Margate	—	—	12.05	4.7
Milford Haven	6.18	6.8	6.34	6.7
Newhaven	5.08	6.6	5.24	6.7
Oban	5.51	4.0	5.53	4.0
Penzance	4.53	5.5	5.10	5.4
Portland	7.08	2.2	7.21	2.1
Portsmouth	11.32	4.6	11.53	4.5
Shoreham	11.13	6.0	11.32	5.9
Southampton	11.02	4.5	11.21	4.4
Swansea	6.24	9.3	6.38	9.2
Tees	3.35	5.2	3.55	5.3
Weston-on-Nze	11.54	4.1	—	—

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.
Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.7	-	9	48	bright
Bridlington	3.2	-	10	50	bright
Hunstanton	6.6	-	11	52	sunny
Cromer	5.9	-	10	50	sunny
Lowestoft	4.3	-	9	48	sunny
Clacton	-	-	61	178	cloudy
Southend	-	-	7	45	dull
Margate	-	-	7	-	dull
Hastings	-	.02	9	48	shower
Eastbourne	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Brighton	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Worthing	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Shanklin	0.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Bournemth	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Poole	-	-	13	55	dull
Swanage	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Exmouth	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Teignmouth	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Torquay	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Falmouth	-	.28	14	57	rain
Penzance	-	.40	14	57	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.22	14	57	drizzle
Minehead	-	-	12	54	dull
Morecambe	2.3	.01	10	50	shower
Douglas	-	.09	8	46	rain
Buxton	0.3	-	5	41	bright
Carlisle	2.6	-	11	52	bright
Leeds	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Nottingham	0.3	-	8	46	cloudy
Anglesey	0.7	.07	13	55	rain
Colwyn Bay	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Tenby	-	.30	11	52	rain
Aberdeen	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Aviemore	4.9	-	10	50	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	2.1	-	8	46	bright
Kinloss	3.2	-	12	54	bright
Lerwick	-	-	9	48	dull
Prestwick	2.4	.02	10	50	rain
Stornoway	1.9	-	12	54	bright
Tiree	0.2	.07	10	50	rain
Wick	1.6	-	9	48	bright

These are Tuesday's figures

THE POUND

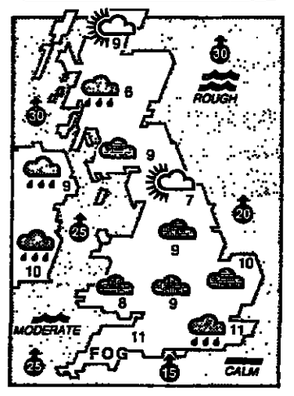
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.59	2.06
Austria Sch	23.10	21.70
Belgium Fr	69.40	65.90
Canada $	2.285	2.165
Denmark Kr	12.62	12.02
Finland Mkk	7.79	7.39
France Fr	11.18	10.58
Germany Dm	3.27	3.09
Greece Dr	277	257
Hong Kong $	14.40	13.65
Ireland Pt	1.225	1.165
Italy Lire	2450	2320
Japan Yen	237	221
Netherlands Gld	3.705	3.505
Norway Kr	12.21	11.61
Portugal Esc	271.75	257.75
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	215.50	204.50
Sweden Kr	11.41	10.81
Switzerland Fr	2.755	2.595
USA $	1.868	1.773
Yugoslavia Dnr	10200	7700

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

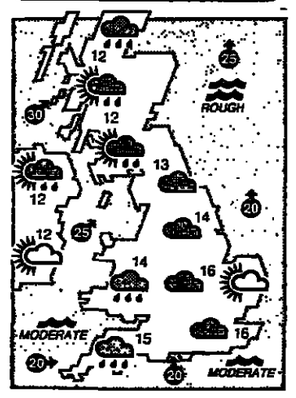
Retail Price Index: 108.4 (September)

London: The *FT* index closed down 11.2 at 1475.8.

AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am,9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 8 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.14in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.0hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1011.1 millibars, rising, 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.224 ins. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2 hrs.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 1pm today.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Camborne, Cornwall, 0.51 in; highest sunshine: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 6.6 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.48 pm to 6.42 am
Bristol 4.58 pm to 6.52 am
Edinburgh 4.44 pm to 7.11 am
Manchester 4.50 pm to 6.58 am
Penzance 5.14 pm to 6.59 am

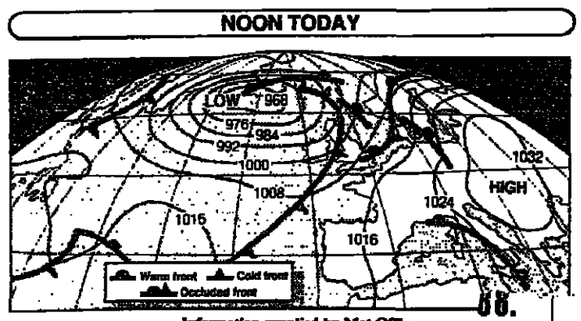
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	f	Guernsey	16	61	s
B'mngham	14	57	c	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	12	54	d	Jersey	15	59	c
Bristol	15	59	c	London	15	59	f
Cardiff	13	55	d	M'nchester	14	57	c
Edinburgh	11	52	c	Newcastle	11	52	c
Glasgow	10	50	c	R'nidaway	11	52	c

Sun rises: 7.10 am
Sun sets: 4.18 pm
Moon rises: 8.35 am
Moon sets: 4.06 pm
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NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1479.8 (–11.2)	US dollar 1.7900 (+0.0200)
FT-SE 100 1825.7 (–14.9)	W German mark 3.1540 (–0.0160)
USM (Datastream) 162.16 (+0.09)	Trade-weighted 76.9 (+0.2)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Oxford fails to attract

Oxford Instruments, best known for its super conducting magnets used in body scanners, reported half-time pre-tax profits of £4.8 million up from £4.6 million in 1987-88, but at the bottom end of market expectations. The shares fell 6p to 249p.

The results were depressed by provision against the group's £10 million development for a synchotron, which is designed to produce X-rays for use in semi-conductor manucfacture.

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CU up 20%

Commercial Union, the composite insurer, announced a 20 per cent increase in pre-tax profits for the nine months to September 30 to £152.8 million after a strong performance in Britain. General Accident, the Scottish-based insurer, revealed a pre-tax profit increase over the same period of 34 per cent to £223.5 million.

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Sugar sale

Tate & Lyle and Redpath Industries are to sell their jointly-owned cane sugar refining operation at Yonkers, New York, for $105 million (£63.1 million) to a subsidiary of Atlantic Sugar, of Montreal.

BET purchase

BET, the industrial group, is paying £13 million for Industrial Clothing Services.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2116.64 (–10.85)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	28212.78 (+205.51)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2582.98 (–4.04)
Amsterdam: Gen	279.0 (–1.5)
Sydney: AO	1584.4 (+1.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1602.9 (–2.3)
Brussels:	
General	5376.4 (+12.3)
Paris: CAC	397.2 (+3.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	496.7 (–8.0)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	954.19 (–6.85)
FT-"500"	1040.58 (–7.51)
FT Gold Mines	173.6 (–1.0)
FT Fixed Interest	97.34 (–0.05)
FT Govt Secs	88.49 (+0.30)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Mersey Docks	438p (+24p)
Eurotunnel Units	360p (+12p)
Davies & Newman	635p (+10p)
MAM	343p (+8p)
Whitbread Inv	426½p (+9p)
FALLS:	
Amersham	549p (–18p)
AB Elect	440p (–12p)
Thomson T-Line	60½p (–10p)
Beecham	459p (–7p)
Int Thomson	680p (–10p)
Pearson	700p (–9p)
Lonrho	406½p (–9p)
Stanley Leisure	278p (–12p)
Barr & Wa 'A'	295p (–10p)
RHM	359p (–9p)
Greenall Whitley	255p (–8p)
Reuters	486p (–10p)
Reckitt & Colman	920½p (–8p)
Barton Transport	725p (–25p)
BAT	444p (–14p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	23283
SEAQ Volume	517.5m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month interbank 12³²⁄₃₂-12¼%
3-month eligible bills: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.59-7.58%*
30-year bonds 101-101¹¹⁄₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7900	£: $1.7902*
£: DM3.1540	$: DM1.7602*
£: SwFr2.6546	$: SwFr1.4812*
£: FFr10.7839	$: FFr6.0145*
£: Yen222.31	$: Yen124.22*
£: Index:76.9	$: Index:94.8
ECU £0.655190	SDR £0.753684

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $419.50 pm-$420.80
close $420.75-421.25 (£235.00-235.50)
New York:
Comex $421.30-421.80*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm $12.60bbl ($12.84)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Smiths Industries (02796) added 2p after results but Oxford Instruments (01453) lost 12p and Commercial Union (01750) 8p after theirs. RHM (01161) shed 9p with no buyers for a stake and Thompson T-Line (03190) dropped 5p after agreeing a bid for Suter.
- Recent additions include: Chieftain Group 03481; New Zealand Investment Trust 03487; Elkem 07247.
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Young under pressure for quick decision on £1.6bn bid

Elders offers S&N half of brewing group

By David Brewerton

Shareholders in Scottish & Newcastle Breweries could end up with nearly 50 per cent of the Elders Brewing Group when it is floated in two years' time, Mr John Elliott, chairman of Elders IXL, pledged yesterday.

"If every shareholder took a loan note, they would almost be (holders of) the 49 per cent" of EBG which is to be sold off, he said. "The rest would be underwritten in this country.

"There would be a broad spread of shareholders, and the people who would get rights would be Elders' existing shareholders plus the people who have taken the loan notes here."

Elders' brewing interests generated pre-interest profits of Aus$657 million (£307.6 million) last year, while S&N showed £127 million. At present exchange rates, this would leave S&N contributing only 30 per cent of the profits.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Trade and Industry Secretary, is considering whether to refer the Elders takeover bid for S&N to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Ian Lang, the Scottish Industry Minister, told the Commons that Lord Young had received the report by Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, on the £1.6 billion bid and would be making a statement "in due course."

Lord Young is under pressure to make a quick decision as the bid reaches its first closing date on Tuesday.

In the market, S&N shares rose to 407p before closing at 406p, 6p above the bid price, as hopes rose that the bid would not be referred and that Elders would raise its terms.

At the restored former Libyan Embassy in London, where Elders has its British headquarters, Mr Elliott confirmed he had had "three or four" meetings with S&N in the summer to work out a merger between Elders' brewing interests and S&N.

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"What we were prepared to do was to provide S&N shareholders with the premium and we could have kept S&N as the listed company. We would have put Elders' global brewing business into S&N. They rejected it and gave us no reason for the rejection. It seems to me it would have been very logical."

Now Elders is attempting to achieve the same objective the other way round, by buying S&N, adding it to the existing Elders interests and then floating the combined company.

Mr Elliott insists the plan to float the brewing group, the world's sixth largest in terms of beer brewed, was not developed to tempt S&N shareholders, but was part of the long-term plan. The aim is to maximize wealth for Elders' 70,000 shareholders.

"We would keep 51 per cent, and we would want to consolidate it," Mr Elliott said. Elders would never achieve the share rating it wanted as an Australian company with the sixth biggest brewer underneath it. "We are much better off to get the sixth biggest brewer listed separately."

Elders has promised that the worldwide brewing group would have its headquarters in Edinburgh if its S&N bid succeeds, but Mr Elliott said that even if the bid did not go ahead the company would be based here.

Mr Elliott revealed the flotation could take place sooner, and possibly in a year. That would open the option, if the current offer failed, of coming back in a year's time, assuming no MMC referral, and making an offer which included shares in EBG.

The present offer includes loan notes which will be convertible into the equity of EBG. "We are offering S&N shareholders an exit p/e of 19.7. When we come to float in two years' time we will be offering them shares back at 10 or 11 times. I think that is going to be very attractive to the institutions."



Attractive mix: John Elliott, the Elders chairman, at the group's London headquarters

Poison pill tactic sours GrandMet bid victory

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Grand Metropolitan yesterday received overwhelming shareholder approval for its $5.23 billion (£2.95 billion) takeover bid for Pillsbury, the US food group. By late afternoon, it had received acceptances for more than 75 per cent of Pillsbury's outstanding shares under a tender offer which it extended until November 14.

But the victory was bitter sweet because of the poison pill defence mounted by Pillsbury which prevented Grand Metropolitan from completing the takover.

Mr Stewart Gold, a lawyer for GrandMet, estimated that it could add as much as $1 billion to the purchase price if it is not rescinded.

GrandMet is trying to persuade a Delaware court to reverse its decision upholding the poison pill. The judge who heard the initial case has invited both sides to return for additional arguments following the announcement by Pillsbury that it would fight the takeover by undertaking a costly restructuring involving the spin-off of its Burger King fast foods division.

Mr Ian Martin, chief executive of GrandMet's US operations, urged the Pillsbury management to heed shareholders by lifting the poison pill. "Pillsbury shareholders have spoken loudly and clearly. It is time for management to act in accordance with their wishes."

He said GrandMet would renew its motion for a preliminary court injunction against the pill if the Pillsbury board did not give shareholders "the freedom to choose" by redeeming it.

GrandMet decided to extend its $60-a-share tender offer until midnight on November 14 while it pursued legal action.

But Pillsbury has come under strong pressure from institutional investors and its Burger King franchisees to negotiate with GrandMet because of fears of the high debt it would assume under its restructuring programme.

Pillsbury has reserved the right to cancel the plan, which was rejected by Wall Street, by December 2.

Mr Steve Lewis, owner of 21 Burger King outlets, said most owners favoured GrandMet as their new owner. "I honestly have not heard one licensee indicate that he does not want GrandMet to take over."

The possibility of shareholder lawsuits against Pillsbury loomed large if the board persisted in its attempt to block the takeover. Wall Street analysts said. They said the price GrandMet had offered amounted to more than the breakup value of the food company.

- GrandMet has bought Peters Savoury Products, the Welsh meat and pastry group, for £75 million. The privately-owned PSP, supplier to the retail and catering trades, will form part of the Express Foods Group, GrandMet's UK foods division.

California vote is threat to UK profits

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Californians yesterday narrowly voted for a radical proposal to cut insurance premiums, which could have a devastating effect on the local insurance industry and damage the profits of several British companies. British insurers receive more than $500 million (£282 million) in premiums from the state.

Proposition 103, supported by Mr Ralph Nader, the consumer campaigner, calls for a cut of at least 20 per cent in premiums for a range of insurance covers, particularly motor insurance.

There is particular concern in Britain that Farmers, the US insurer being purchased for $5.3 billion by BAT Industries, will be badly hit. More than 40 per cent of Farmers' business is in California.

Mr Jonathan Lawlor, analyst for Kleinwort Benson Securities, said BAT may have to put substantial amounts of extra capital into Farmers to protect its financial position. BAT said yesterday that there was no question of it pulling out of the deal.

British composite insurance companies all have some exposure in California, although Royal Insurance has by far the largest. It derives a total of $344 million in premium revenues from the state, 5.7 per cent of its worldwide premium income. Royal's shares fell 7p, to 375p, on news of the vote.

The US insurance industry, which has spent $76 million on advertising against the proposal, immediately sought court injunctions against Proposition 103. This will be followed by further legal action which, even if unsuccessful, will delay implementation of the law for up to three years.

SLI helps Smiths to 48% advance

By Our City Staff

Smiths Industries, the defence, medical systems and engineering group, increased its pre-tax profits by 48 per cent last year to £97.2 million. The result was helped by an 11-month contribution of £21 million from the SLI avionics companies, acquired from Lear Siegler in September last year.

Turnover rose 55 per cent to £666 million. If SLI is excluded, however, the underlying rate of sales growth is 3 per cent, and the underlying rate of pre-tax profits growth is 11 per cent.

Mr Roger Hurn, the chief executive and managing director, said the integration of SLI with the rest of Smiths' British and US aerospace and defence activities was proceeding well.

"Morale was low because the company had been on the market for 11 months," he said. "But now they have been bought by someone who actually wants to own them, it has given the staff a huge fillip."

On the medical systems side, pre-tax profits were down marginally to £20.3 million, despite a strong performance in Britain, including exports. The biggest problem was margin erosion in the US as both the number of admissions to hospitals and the length of stay have been falling. Mr Hurn said both of these had now bottomed out, and with the rationalization of its two companies in the US, it would be better placed to increase its orders from the hospital-buying syndicates.

The company has £98 million cash, and Mr Hurn said he was actively looking for acquisitions.

Earnings per share rose 16 per cent to 22.5p, and the dividend was increased by 1p to 7.5p net. Tempus, page 26

Bush win fails to boost shares

By Michael Clark

Hopes that share prices in London would respond warmly to the news of Mr George Bush's US presidential election victory quickly evaporated, with dealers reporting sharp falls across the board.

Once the initial razzmatazz had subsided, investors were forced to face up to the problems of America's massive trade and budget deficits. Most City experts are anxiously waiting to see how the President-elect will face up to the problems he has inherited. But as he will not be sworn in until the New Year, the chances of an early solution appear remote.

Dealers fear that the dollar will come under renewed pressure on financial markets, creating even more problems for the British economy and its big exporters.

Share prices in London managed to close above their worst levels of the day, helped by attempts at a rally on Wall Street after a weak start.

The FT-SE 100 index was left nursing a deficit of 14.9 points at 1,825.7 at the close, having been 20.5 lower earlier on.

The narrower FT index of 30 top shares reduced an early fall of 14.1 to finish 11.2 down at 1,479.8, as a total of 517.5 million alpha and beta shares were traded on Seaq, the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system.

Brokers described selling pressure as light, and said most of the business had been conducted between the various firms of market-makers marking prices lower in the hope of finding a level at which they could attract a few buyers. Talk of an early programme trade by Phillips & Drew, the broker, did litle to help sentiment.

- The Bank of Japan yesterday gave a warning to Mr Bush that unless he pursues a more restrictive policy to rein in Washington's enormous budget deficit, both the world economy and the US economy would be under threat, (Joe Joseph writes).

In a report, the central bank said that despite improvements during Mr Reagan's second term, "we cannot be optimistic about the US budget deficit, considering that net interest payments continue to increase, and that there may be an increase in outlays for assistance to savings and loans institutions."

The bank said the success of US federal budget restructuring would probably depend on whether the reform of the US social security and tax system begun by President Reagan was continued by Mr Bush's administration, and whether non-inflationary economic growth could be sustained.

Thomson shares fall on Suter offer

By Martin Waller

The long-awaited formal bid by Thomson T-Line for Suter, the distribution conglomerate run by Mr David Abell, has emerged with a cash, convertible preference and ordinary shares deal.

Publication of the details, although holding little surprise for the market, saw the Thomson share price plummet 10p to 61p, reducing the value of the bid from an initial £332 million to £302 million. At the lower Thomson share price Suter shareholders will receive the equivalent of 252p a share, 60p of it in cash.

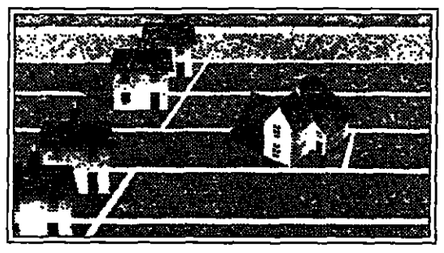
There is, in addition, a second interim dividend of 5p payable in respect of the current financial year to end-December, put in at the last minute as a sweetener after bid talks stalled.

The Suter share price held steady on 240p on the news.

Under the deal Mr Abell will be leaving the company and his two joint managing directors, Mr Bob Morris and Mr Tony Owen, staying.

Suter's share performance has suffered in past months in the light of Department of Trade and Industry inquiries.

Full terms are £60 in cash, 166 new shares and 90 new convertible preference for every 100 in Suter.



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Report seeks new independent standards watchdog

Call to abolish accounting committee

By Carol Ferguson

The Accounting Standards Committee should be abolished and replaced by a smaller, independent body called the Accounting Standards Board. The proposal is made by the Dearing Committee, set up to review the process by which standards are set in Britain.

The ASB – which would issue standards on its own authority – would be supervised by the Financial Reporting Council, whose members would be drawn from the profession and other interested bodies, and which would give guidance and advice.

The Dearing Committee – chaired by Sir Ronald Dearing – was set up in response to criticisms that the standard-setting process took too long, and that the standards themselves allowed too much latitude in their interpretation by account preparers.

In recommending more tightly drawn standards, the committee proposes the creation of a new civil offence – withstatutory power to apply to the courts to make a company modify its accounts, if they are deemed to be defective by not complying with the "true and fair view."

The committee's report says the standard-setting body would be better equipped to attract members of the right calibre to do the work – and to reduce the time needed to issue standards – if its authority was enhanced. It could also meet criticism that, in the process of review by the current issuing bodies – the professional accountancy bodies – the standards are diluted by the need to make compromises to cater for vested interests.

The report recommends that the chairman and technical director of the ASB be full-time executives and qualified accountants. To help keep standards tightly drawn, a two-thirds majority of the ASB is all that will be needed.

The six professional bodies have given their support to these proposals, and the professional firms are also likely to welcome them. Mr Ron Paterson, technical director at Arthur Young and a member of the Accounting Standards Committee, said they correspond with his firm's submissions. "They have grasped the right nettles," he said. "We should have a smaller, better-resourced independent body, supervised by a more representative council, and also supported by a review panel".

The panel is proposed to secure compliance with accounting standards by the preparers of financial statements.

The cost of the proposals is estimated at £1.5 million a year – to be shared by the profession, individual companies and the Stock Exchange – compared with the ASC's £440,000 budget.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Irish Wire Products in £4m Freeman buy

Irish Wire Products, the industrial holding company, is acquiring William Freeman and Co (Holdings), which manufactures domestic and industrial rubber products and is based at Barnsley, South Yorkshire, for £4 million. Freeman made a pre-tax profit of £363,000 last year on turnover of £4.5 million, and 90 per cent of its products are sold in Britain. The existing management of Freeman will continue to run the business.

The deal is being financed by the issue of 771,108 new ordinary shares, which have been conditionally placed in Britain and Ireland, plus £2 million cash.

North West bid call

The Duke of Abercorn, chairman of the Belfast-based North West Exploration, again urges shareholders to reject the £8.4 million bid from Dublin's Oliver Resources, following news that Oliver is claiming acceptances of 7.54 per cent to add to the 14.18 per cent held before the offer. The offer is extended to November 18 and will not be increased, Oliver says.

Dukeminster in £24m deal

Dukeminster, the property group, is paying £24.5 million for the Priory Centre shopping development at Dartford, Kent. Dukeminster intends to offer stakes in the centre to other investors but will retain a minority interest. The Priory Centre includes shops, two supermarkets, offices, and a multi-storey car park, and produces a rental income of £1.8 million a year.

Mayne acquisition

Mayne Nickless, the Australian freight and security group, has acquired Inter-Globe Security Services, a London guards business, with branches in Cardiff, Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow.

The acquisition of Inter-Globe, which employs about 500 guards and has major contracts in the computer, power generation and finance industries, accelerates the development of Mayne's general security activities in Britain where it sees further potential for guards operations. The price of the deal was not disclosed.

De Morgan share issue

De Morgan Group, the consultant surveyor, is issuing 225,000 new shares to four directors of Woolgate Property Finance, which it bought last year, as a deferred consideration. The issue comes on conversion of the loan notes which were part of the initial consideration, which was conditional on Woolgate profits.

Fletcher acts for Compaq

Fletcher King, the commercial estate agent which acquired full listing in November 1986, announced that it acted for Compaq Computers Limited, part of the Compaq Computer Corp of Houston, in the acquisition of 83,000 sq ft of air-conditioned offices at the Richmond Riverside project in London.

TEMPUS

Smiths Industries in shape to grow

There cannot be many companies which can generate £97 million annual pre-tax profits, spend an annual £94 million on research and development, plus another £27 million on capital investment, yet finish the year with £98 million cash.

Smiths Industries sounds like every chief executive's dream. Having been reshaped away from its emphasis on the motor industry, it is now in three core industries – avionics, medical systems, and engineering.

All its businesses are high-tech, high margin and highly cash-generative. And by and large, it operates in growth markets.

Its growing cash pile, swollen by the £20 million disposal of Australian businesses, attracts speculation that it will make a major acquisition. With borrowings, an acquisition up to £250 million could be contemplated.

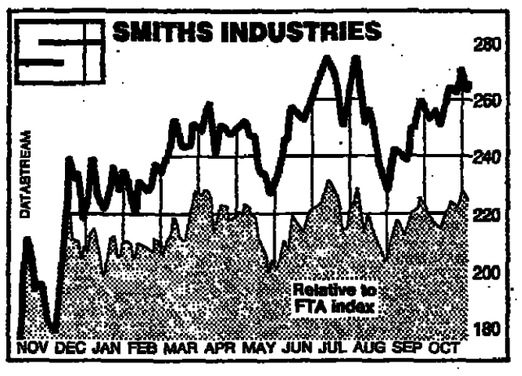
If the right one came along at the right price, Smiths would go for it. But much more likely are smaller, piecemeal acquisitions, extending the business gradually.

There are plenty of opportunities for organic growth. Airborne electronics, for both civil and military aeroplanes, is a growth business, as more and more of the cost of fighting planes goes into the electronic equipment.

In addition, Smiths has identified a virtually untapped market for retrofitting eight- to 12-year-old fighter planes in third world countries. Smiths estimates there are around 900 such planes where a decision will need to be made on whether to update the electronics over the next few years for £3 million, or to fly the planes longer then pay £30 million for new ones.

The medical market is also growing as the world turns increasingly from reusable to disposable equipment. In the highly litigious US, more than 90 per cent of equipment used in situations where there is a danger of cross-infection is disposable. In Britain, only 60 per cent is disposable. Japan is Smiths' fastest-growing market, and it is already bigger than its British market.

This year, pre-tax profits should rise to £110 million, compared with £97 million last year. The prospective multiple of around 10.7 reflects current market uncertainty, rather than the opportunities available to this well-managed group.



Oxford Instruments

Oxford Instruments must be ruing the day it became a public company. Although the status received brought a useful standing in the market place and strengthened the balance sheet, the business is not ideally suited to the stresses and strains of being publicly owned.

There is no doubt but that the directors are highly professional in their approach and are businessmen first and scientists second. But the long lead times and uncertain final commercial application of a growing proportion of the products make it harder than usual to produce a steadily improving trend in earnings.

The situation has been exacerbated by the additional problem of repositioning the business so it is not so dependent on the core magnet business.

Near saturation for this product and increased competition badly affected profits last year. However, in the first half of the current year volumes recovered from a low base and the division moved back into the black. This helped group interim profits advance from £4.6 million to £4.8 million.

However, rationalization of the US magnet operation is proving necessary and this will lead to an exceptional charge in the second half. This, together with the £500,000 provided for cost overruns on the prototype compact synchrotron (a product designed to produce x-rays in a commercially usable form), could depress annual profits by up to £2 million.

The potential for the synchrotron is considerable as it has wide application in the $40 billion (£22 billion) semiconductor industry. As yet its technical and commercial success is not fully established.

Speculation about the commercial potential the synchrotron could bring to Oxford in the early 1990s, together with the possibility of a takeover bid, are keeping the shares at their present levels.

Otherwise, on reducing forecasts of £11.5 million pre-tax profits for the year after exceptional items, the shares are selling on a generous p/e ratio of 16 times. The premium rating may prove hard to sustain.

Insurance

The third-quarter results from Commercial Union and General Accident were as disappointing as expected. On the other hand, they held few nasty shocks and largely confirmed the view of insurance markets which has been developing since the beginning of this year.

CU's £152.8 million pretax profit for the first nine months of the year, 20 per cent up on the same period last year, was not particularly impressive. There were larger underwriting losses in many areas outside Britain, such as France and Spain. Experience in the US, however, confirmed that this is where insurance premium rates are taking the biggest hammering. Underwriting losses rose from £1.5 million to £13.6 million and prospects continue to look bleak.

The saving grace, for the time being at least, is Britain, which continues to lay golden eggs. Profits here rose 33 per cent, with underwriting profits alone up by £30 million to £132 million. The rise would have been even greater without Hurricane Gilbert and one or two other mishaps which cost the company somewhat over £5 million.

This is as expected, although no one believes Britain will continue to give this kind of return for much longer. Pretax profits for the year of about £200 million seem in order, with a prospective yield of 7.7 per cent on the shares – about right in the circumstances.

GA's results were understandably more lumpy. Hurricane Gilbert has cost a whopping £32.5 million while the newly-acquired NZI Bank caused further costs of £5.3 million. These were both the result of bold policies which GA can afford because of the bouyancy of the domestic market which limited the overall fall in underwriting profits to 34 per cent.

But with pretax profits at £224.5 million, up 34 per cent for the first nine months of the year, GA looks to be on course to hit about £285 million at the full year. Even so, there is little incentive at this stage for excitement about the company or the insurance sector in general.

RECENT ISSUES

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Lincat Group (115p)	170 +2
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Mitsubishi Bank	£14⁵/₁₆ +¹¹/₁₆
Nat Telecom	146 –2
Newzealand Inv	99 –1
Portmirion Potteries	189 –1
Racal Telecom	168½ –1
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Howden N/P	25
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Simms N/P	23
West Trust NP	¾ –¼

(Issue price in brackets).

Bibby slips to £30.2m as reshuffle goes on

By Our City Staff

J Bibby, the South African-controlled animal feeds to laser technology group, saw pre-tax profits slip from £34.8 million to £30.2 million in the year to September, as restructuring continued.

But the latest figure does not include a £12.6 million extraordinary gain from the £61 million sale of its Princeton, US, packaging business in August. Previously there was a £6.5 million extraordinary profit.

Shareholders, dominated by Barlow Rand with 87 per cent, collect a 5.75p a share dividend, making an unchanged 8.5p for the year, even though earnings have dipped from 20.95p to 18.40p a share.

Bibby, still best known for its animal feeds and seeds, has reorganized itself into four divisions, all based in Britain and each with its own integrated management structure. It appears to be on the lookout for a fifth division, although Mr Richard Mansell-Jones, the chairman, says the priority is to expand the existing divisions, by investment and by acquisition.

With the 1992 single European market in mind, it is particularly keen to grow within the EEC, where it already has significant operations in Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Spain.

It has plenty of cash. Since the sale of the under-performing Princeton, the group is in "an extremely strong financial position," says Mr Mansell-Jones.

The packaging interests, not sold until shortly before the year-end, contributed trading profits of £3.71 million, against £3.91 million previously, while security printing, also sold during the year, was responsible for just £35,000, compared with almost £2 million.

Agricultural profits slumped from £9.17 million to £5.74 million, and Bibby's science products division, boosted at the beginning of the year by the acquisition of the US laser maker, Melles Griot, is now the biggest contributor to group profits. It made a £9.51 million trading profit against £7.01 million previously.

In Shops doubles its profits

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

In Shops, the retail space management consultant which came to the stock market last February, has produced a 102 per cent increase in profits at the half year and is making a £2.4 million acquisition.

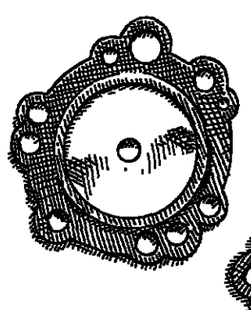
Pre-tax profits rose from £431,000 to £870,000 while turnover increased from £3.6 million to £4.7 million in the six months to September 30 1988. But Mr David Newman, chairman, said the first-half profits were exceptionally good because write-off costs during the setting up of some centres had depressed the results in the second half of last year when profits reached £1.3 million.

In Shops has paid £2.4 million, with shares and £250,000 cash, for Advanced Retail Holdings, an unlisted company which operates a 16-strong chain of retail outlets called Supashoppa in the North east, North west, and Scotland.

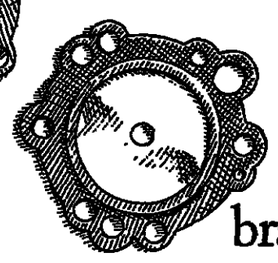
The shares were placed with institutions yesterday at 101p each and later gained 2p to 103p.

In Shops came to market at a placing price of 52p. Brokers' estimates of profits for this year are £2 million.

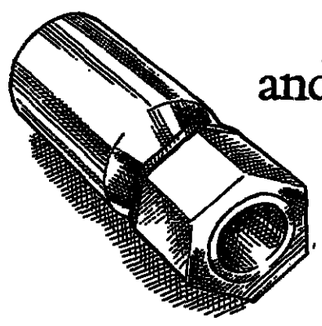
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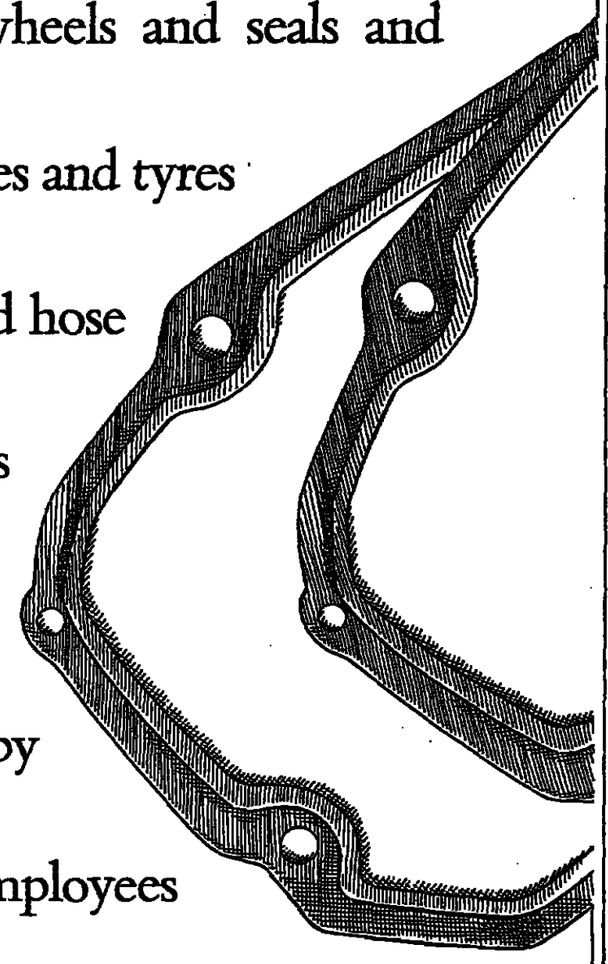
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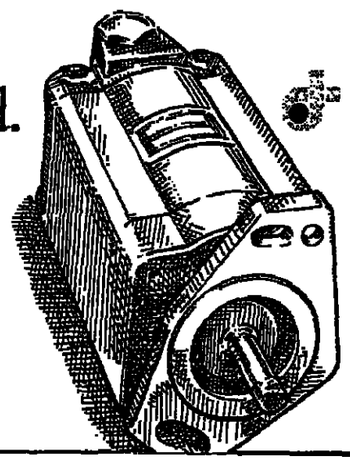
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The results for the year ended 30 July 1988 include those of the avionics companies acquired in September 1987 from Lear Siegler. The integration of these companies with the existing UK and US aerospace & defence activities is proceeding well.

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Amersham's 8% profit dip blamed on strong pound

By Graham Searjeant

The impact of the strong pound on exports has unexpectedly hit Amersham International, the chemical and medical supplies group which is based on radioactive technology.

Amersham reported an 8 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £10.8 million for the six months to end September, the first time profits have fallen since the company was privatized in 1982.

City analysts had expected profits to rise from £11.7 million to between £12.5 and £13 million. Amersham shares swiftly fell 19p to 548p.

Sir Edwin Nixon, the chairman, asked for understanding and support during the group's exchange rate difficulties, amid a wave of bid rumours. "This is the kind of high-technology company the country needs," he said.

Mr Bill Ellaby, the group's finance director, said pre-tax profits would have been about £2.5 million higher if sterling had not risen.

During the half-year, Amersham became one of Britain's top 100 exporters, as 90 per cent of its £86 million turnover was sold to medical and research centres in dozens of countries around the world.

But the rise of sterling since the spring of 1987 hit export prices and profit margins. The sterling index averaged 76.6 during the half year, compared with 72.7 in the same period last year. Much of Amersham's competition comes from the US.

Like other exporters, Amersham offset currency problems temporarily by hedging last year, but the benefits wore off as sterling kept rising.

Dr Stuart Burgess, the chief executive, said underlying sales volume had grown at about 13 per cent, in line with previous trends, but the exchange rate problem had converted this into an 8 per cent growth in sterling turnover. Margins would have been slightly lower before the exchange rate effect.

Production may now move abroad, especially to the US and Japan, to counter exchange risk.

The interim dividend has been raised 9 per cent to 3.5p despite a 10 per cent drop in earnings per share to 13p. The group expects further progress in its underlying business in the second half.

During the half year, the group's Amerlite non-radioactive medical diagnostic system, which cost £20 million to develop, came into profit for the first time. An improved version should be ready for the US market next year.

Dr Burgess said Amersham was working on acquisitions of its own. But the subdued fall in Amersham's own share price yesterday reflected a City view that a predator might exploit the poor results.

Amersham shares jumped from 450p to a peak of 677p in the summer on bid talk after the Government redeemed its golden share, but gradually they fell back again as the group made clear its determination to remain independent. The chairman said: "If and when we receive a bid approach we shall announce it".



Pausing for thought yesterday: Dr Stuart Burgess, the chief executive, following poor results (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Rockware in £45.2m purchases

Rockware, the glass to packaging group is buying Presspart Manufacturing and Decorpart Ltd, two specialist packaging companies, for £45.2 million.

The two, between them, made pre-tax profits of £4.9 million on turnover of £21.2 million in the year to end-August.

The acquisition is being funded by the allotment to the vendors of 33.9 million new Rockware shares, £20.6 million unsecured loan notes and £240,000 in cash. The vendors will end up owning almost 20 per cent of the enlarged Rockware Group.

Rockware is also raising £14.7 million net by the issue of 15 million 7.25 per cent convertible preference shares.

Blenheim pays

Blenheim Exhibition Group, Europe's largest trade exhibition and trade fair organizer, is paying FFr10 million (£925,000) cash and 287,000 new ordinary shares as interim consideration to complete the acquisition agreement for Padco.

£680,000 call

Electronic Machine Company, a defence components supplier, is raising £680,000 through a one-for-two rights issue at 55p per new share to help finance the £575,000 maximum acquisition of Filtronic Special Systems.

Clarke goes

Mr Neil Clarke, who stepped down this week as deputy chairman and chief executive of Charter Consolidated, has resigned as a director of Anderson Strathclyde, one of its main subsidiaries.

US sell-off

Borthwicks is selling Orange Crush, its US Orange Crush soft drinks concentrates business,to Coca-Cola and Schweppes Beverages for £1.6 million.

£1m sought

H Young Holdings, the distribution and financial services group, is raising £1 million through a share placing.

Supplier link

British Vita, the manufacturer of polyurethane foam, is paying £3.5 million for Rossendale Combining (Holdings), a laminates supplier.

Duple record

Duple, the coach body arm of Hestair group, has won a £9 million order, its biggest, to supply 600 bus body kits to Sri Lanka.

WW confirms £75m deal for Owen Owen

Ward White, the Halfords-to-Payless and AG Stanley do-it-yourself group, has confirmed the sale of its Owen Owen department store chain to London & Edinburgh Trust.

The sale, conditional on the approval of WW shareholders and clearance from the Office of Fair Trading, reduces Ward White's indebtedness by an estimated £75 million and represents an extraordinary profit on the disposal of £10.5 million.

Consideration of the sale comprises cash for the share capital of Owen Owen and the purchase of debenture stock representing £53 million. The rest represents an Owen Owen bank overdraft of £21.2 million and a cash payment of £0.8 million to cover expenses.

Bond's sale of ITC estimated at £60m

By John Bell, City Editor

Bond Corporation, the brewing, media and investment group led by Mr Alan Bond, has sold ITC Entertainment Holdings, based in Los Angeles, in a management buyout.

No price was disclosed, but London sources suggest Bond may have accepted about £60 million.

ITC, which was part of Bell Group, the Australian holding company bought by Bond this year, produces and distributes cinema and television films. Midland-Montagu Ventures underwrote the buy-out and Samuel Montagu arranged the funding.

The sale is part of an assets disposal programme which has already included Bond's interest in Standard Chartered Bank, and M&G, the unit trust management company.

Bond Corporation also said its 52 per cent interest in Bond Media was not for sale, despite stock market speculation.

Some confusion may have arisen, the group said, because negotiations were proceeding with several parties for the sale of a TV station in Perth, Western Australia, and an 85 per cent stake in Bond's radio network.

● Goodman Fielder Wattie, the Australian food group, has said it is unlikely to sell its 29.9 per cent stake in Ranks Hovis McDougall in the near future.

Apricot ahead 38% despite orders setback

Apricot Computers lifted pretax profits by 38 per cent to £4.15 million in the six months to end-September. The increase was achieved despite the stock market crash which hit orders of its financial systems, Mr Roger Foster, chief executive, said.

The dividend rises from 0.5p to 0.75p. Analysts are now looking for full-year profits ranging from £12.5 million to £13 million. The half-way figures were at the bottom end of predictions, and the shares fell 4p to 118p.

The financial services division lifted profits by 6 per cent to £1.52 million compared with the first half last time, which came just before the market crash.

Computer systems advanced 105 per cent to £771,000.

US firm tracks spending habits of Peking's cyclists

Breakthrough for Chinese checkers

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

The preponderance of bicycles as the main means of transport in the People's Republic of China may be well known, but little understood, by westerners. But an American computer software company has studied the traffic flows of the armies of Peking cyclists and used the information to decide where to locate fast food outlets.

MPSI Systems, an Oklahoma group founded in 1970, which went public five years ago, has set up a joint venture with a Chinese company to research Chinese markets for future overseas investors. Part of the initial feasibility study for the joint venture with CULC International consisted of constructing a pilot scheme to decide where western companies should build hamburger and fried chicken stalls in the coastal cities of China.

So MPSI took a team to Peking where, using methods it has developed for the West's rather different traffic patterns, it plotted who went where and how often. The research revealed, for instance, that in certain sections of the capital there are 36 cars to 17,487 bicycles, and a sole fast food cart battles for business against four established restaurants and a snack bar at a small traffic intersection.

These details are essential for planning by modern consumer companies; siting a restaurant where no one passes by is clearly economic stupidity.

The planning system for fast food sites was born of MPSI's research for the retail petroleum market which targeted the best sites for petrol stations. Now 75 per cent of oil companies throughout the world use MPSI to plan their outlets.

More recently, the group has expanded using its computer graphics system for stores groups. It is also providing building societies and banks, which are using the high street more extensively to sell their services in the wake of the financial services revolution, with information to plan their sites.

MPSI, which will be one of the first Western groups to capture a slice of the Chinese market, takes a simple street map of the area it is surveying, adds traffic flows, planning information and looks at the social class background and spending power of residents and business premises. When this is collated it is transferred to the mainframe computer and superimposed on the orginal or a re-drawn map, which allows the client to adjust it on a "what if?" basis.

The effect of opening or closing a site can then be seen and an informed decision taken.

COMMENT

A market raspberry for Bushonomics

The financial markets' welcome for George Bush turned out to be a raspberry. That should not be taken too seriously, as first reactions are often the wrong ones. In this case, the New York stock market and its slave in London were unwinding some illogical positions in front of an election that has had a foregone conclusion for many weeks.

The dollar's fall accelerated a three-month downtrend since the summer rally, when the pound temporarily dropped from $1.90 to $1.67. Of late, there has not been much comforting central bank intervention, though the home team at the New York Fed did finally take a hand yesterday.

The foreign exchanges are certainly the markets to watch, because what may appear to be an economic policy of no change does not imply no change in market attitudes.

Since the initial response to the crash in the dollar and stock markets a year ago, dealers and policymakers in the rest of the world have heaved a sigh of relief.

They have not looked for further positive action by the United States to remove the imbalances that sprang the October trap. No initiatives were likely to emerge from the embers of the Reagan administration, so there was no point demanding them. The markets waited for Bush.

There are another ten weeks to go before inauguration. That is time for the rest of the world to start manouevring. Polite reminders have already sounded from Tokyo and 11 Downing Street that America's recalcitrant budget deficit should be on Mr Bush's urgent list. Reminders from Bonn and Paris may be less polite. As Jeffrey Thompson of BZW puts it, G7 politics will have to be reckoned with.

Yet Mr Bush plainly has no new solutions. What was voodoo economics eight years ago has now become Bushonomics. Next year's best bet is therefore another wrangle over the US budget between the White House and a newly more hostile Congress, with both blaming the other for lack of progress, as in 1986 and 1987.

Lack of progress over the deficit would be bad for Wall Street. In profit terms, economic growth has made shares much cheaper in New York, as in London. But the downturn in growth in both countries leaves the trend of share prices hooked on a reversal of high interest rates, since profit growth is bound to slow down. The higher the US budget and trade deficits, the worse the prospect for interest rates, especially with currency traders looking on disapprovingly.

Any sharp fall in the dollar would be particularly bad for Britain. British exporters from ICI and Jaguar to Amersham and Coats Viyella are already suffering from a high pound. The invasion of America has made leading companies more dependent on dollar profits than ever. Nor would an ever-rising pound logically bring relief from high British interest rates. The Chancellor has firmly tied interest rates to domestic inflation, whatever happens on the foreign exchanges.

America's trading partners therefore need the new president to offer something credible enough in the next six months to renew international commitment and market credibility to a stable dollar. Bushonomics will need to be more than just Reaganomics without the growth.

A clearer road for Rolls

Rolls-Royce has been cast firmly as a hostile bidder ever since Northern Engineering Industries blew the whistle on the 4.7 per cent stake assembled by the aero engine maker. It is a role which Sir Francis Tombs, the Rolls chairman, clearly does not relish. If, as the market firmly believes, a bid is on the way, the disclosure was uncomfortably timed. If not, then the market's perception is a diversion likely to prevent investors from an appreciation of the fundamental attractions which Rolls has aplenty just now.

Unfortunately for Sir Francis, the market has not exactly warmed to Rolls shares since they made their début last spring. The story behind this reads more like a chapter of accidents. The flotation so close to the market crash of last October did not help.

Since the crash, the group's exposure to a strong dollar has further clouded the image of Rolls' shares. And twice, when the price did appear to be building up a head of steam, it was stopped in its tracks by news which the market regarded as unhelpful. The announcement of £14 million of exceptional charges along with the imterim profits took analysts by surprise and the foray into NEI shares without a clear explanation stopped another potential price recovery dead in its tracks.

Yet the fundamental prospects for Rolls look excellent. Its order books are bulging. They give rise to long production cycles and thus give profits an element of stability and predictablity. Doubts have been removed over the future of the important military business and the group is one of only three leading players in a business geared to strong growth in the world's civil aviation business.

Even with the shares standing on a prospective earnings multiple of merely 8 times which drops to less than 7 on 1989 prospects the shares are unlikley to make headway until the NEI uncertainties clarify themselves. Not even a 1989 prospective yeild of 7 per cent will do the trick.

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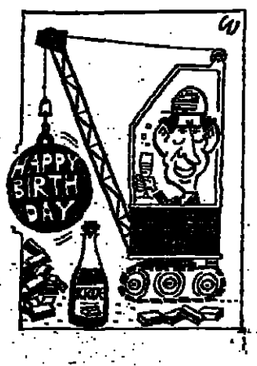
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Spaniard gets the works

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers is slowly rebuilding its sales desk as well as its research team, following the steady stream of defections the firm has suffered during the past 12 months. And in order to do so it seems that it is prepared to pay huge salaries — even by City standards. Its two latest recruits are institutional equity salesman Nigel Howe, popularly known in the stock market as "The Spaniard" because of his swarthy complexion, and his colleague Chris Hartley, both of whom have, I hear, just resigned from rival securities house Morgan Grenfell. The pair, both in their early 30s, worked together at Fielding Newson Smith — now part of County NatWest — before Morgan Grenfell, and Howe is reputed to be moving to Scrimgeour on a two-year contract and a package which could be worth as much as £180,000 a year. "They will both be starting next month," says Anthony Mulliner, head of sales at Scrimgeour, who tells me that he now employs 25 UK equity salesmen compared with, at most, 30 in the stock market's heyday in 1986. "We lose them and we gain them," he adds, philosophically.

Child's ploy

The latest corporate craze in the US is to have a children's board of directors. Dallas-based Dixie House Restaurants consults its 15-member junior board — aged between seven and 12 — on almost every detail at quarterly meetings. And even though some of the children can barely see over the conference table, their ideas are taken seriously. They make menu recommendations and suggest more difficult games and puzzles. It is a formula that certainly seems to work. Last year, Dixie House sales topped $56 million (£31.5 million).



Banham's tall storey

Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, dining at Torquay's imposing Imperial Hotel during the CBI conference this week, clearly sought to impress his host, John Banham, the CBI director-general, with a comment that he had discovered the hotel 30 years previously. However, not a man to be easily outdone, Banham recalled that, thanks to wartime evacuation, he was actually born on the premises in August 1940. Determined to have the last word, Baker suggested that, given Banham's rising public profile, the delivery most probably took place in an ascending lift.

Prince of sales

Good news rarely makes the headlines, and the fact that grants from the Prince's Youth Business Trust have so far supported more than 4,300 new businesses, employing 5,500 people aged between 18 and 25, rarely receives the credit it deserves. But, with the Prince of Wales planning to spend his 40th birthday on Monday in Birmingham, launching a new fund-raising appeal for the Trust — businessmen including Alan Bond, Peter de Savary and George Walker have pledged more than £10 million — now is perhaps as good a time as any to convey our gratitude. For, as NatWest chairman Lord Boardman, chairman of the PYBT, put it: "Thousands of disadvantaged young people — who otherwise would be unemployed — have been helped by the Trust." As a gesture of the City's appreciation of his efforts in this area, we will be sending HRH a magnum of Krug champagne.

Bush telegraph

High-spirited foreign exchange dealers in London yesterday tapped into the Reuters news wire service to send an open letter to President-elect George Bush. They used their ability to get into the system — permitted so that they can update prices — to publish the following: "Dear Mr Bush, I am writing to inform you that at the close of business last night your account showed a £XXXX billion overdraft. While I understand that you will not officially be in a position to remedy this situation until mid-January, I cannot express strongly enough that I expect some indications in the not too distant future. I fear that tightening by the Fed will not suffice. Therefore if no statements are forthcoming I will send the boys Kev and Trev round to duff up your currency. Love, Sean." He has been warned . . .

● **Even before the presidential election result had been officially announced, guests at the reception at the US Embassy in Grosvenor Square had concluded that Bush was doing something about the deficit. For, apart from the free Budweiser beer and Dunkin' Donuts, they had to pay for all other drinks and food. Pointing out that the party was jointly hosted by the Republicans Abroad, the Democrats Abroad and the Association of American Correspondents in London, a spokesman told me: "We had 1,700 people there and a party of that size gets pretty expensive."**

Carol Leonard

CU ASSURANCE

NINE MONTHS' REVIEW

Pre-tax profit increase to £152.8m

★ Operating profit before taxation increased by 20% to £152.8m (1987 £127.7m).

★ Strong performance in the United Kingdom and improved results in the Netherlands.

★ Good new life business growth.

★ Shareholders' funds £1,335m.

NINE MONTHS' HIGHLIGHTS

	9 months 1988 Unaudited	9 months 1987 Unaudited	
Total premium income	£2,349.7m	£2,256.3m	+ 4%
Operating profit before taxation	£152.8m	£127.7m	+20%
Operating profit after taxation	£88.8m	£78.9m	+13%
Earnings per share	21.1p	18.9p	+12%

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Richard Mansell-Jones, Chairman.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 24TH SEPTEMBER 1988

	1988 £000's	1987 £000's
Sales	548,848	501,228
Profit before tax	30,183	34,840
Earnings per Ordinary Share	18.4p	21.0p
Dividend per Ordinary Share	8.5p	8.5p

- Reduced Group profit due to severe market recession in UK agriculture together with deterioration in trading from US Packaging and Security Printing Divisions now sold.
- Satisfactory profit increases from Science Products, Materials Handling, and Paper and Converted Products Divisions.
- Strongest balance sheet ever – net cash of £8 million, (1987, net borrowings of £21 million).
- Since year end, acquisition of Brungart Equipment Co. Inc. for US$7.1 million, and the Helium/Neon laser business from Hughes Aircraft Corporation for US$4.2 million.

Copies of the 1988 Annual report and accounts will be available from the Company Secretary at 16 Stratford Place, London W1N 9AF.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Reasons to refer Elders' takeover bid for S&N

From Rodney E.B. Atkinson

Sir, Two important arguments for the referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of the Elders bid for Scottish and Newcastle Breweries have not yet been presented with sufficient vigour.

Firstly no bid for a major corporation based in one of the "peripheral regions" of the United Kingdom can be the result of "market forces." For at least 40 years governments of all political hues in London nationalised regional industries into central control, taxed individual and corporate wealth into central administration and provided tax allowances which centralise and institutionalise savings and investment decisions in London. Recent reductions in overall taxation and tax allowances, prospective regional *forms of privatisation* and a slow regeneration of regional entrepreneurship will in the long run reverse the historical drain of capital and human resources from Scotland and the North. But in the long run, as Keynes might have said, a lot of regional industry will be dead – interim protection for major corporations in the poorer regions is therefore appropriate.

Secondly the MMC has up to now discouraged the kind of takeovers within the UK brewing industry which might have created a British brewer big enough to match the world players. The UK's largest brewer is only half the size of Japan's Kirin, one third of the size of Holland's Heineken and one sixth of the size of America's Anheuser Busch. It would be quite ludicrous suddenly to abandon or modify this stance to the benefit of an Australian competitor.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY ATKINSON,
60 Ashbourne Court,
Woodside Park Road,
London N12.
October 27.

Scottish roots: our Elders and betters

From Lynnette Peel

Sir, What has happened to Scottish enterprise? "Church of Scotland opposes Elders bid" your headlines reads on November 1. Where does the Church of Scotland think the name Elders comes from, if not from George Elder and his sons William, Alexander, George and Thomas, all from Kirkcaldy, Scotland? An enterprising family which extended its business to Australia. And who helped to develop that business into a major company if it was not Robert Barr Smith, born at Lochwinnoch, Scotland, son of the Rev. Dr Robert Smith, Church of Scotland minister, and educated at the University of Glasgow?

The four Elder sons lived for varying periods in Australia before Alexander returned to London to develop the agency business, and George and William to Scotland where George later held the appointment of Deputy-Lieutenant of Ayrshire among others. Perhaps the Kirk should pause awhile and inquire what portion of the profits of Elders *still flow back* to Scotland. (I have no shares in Elders.)

Yours faithfully,
LYNNETTE J. PEEL,
49 Oaklands,
Hamilton Road,
Reading,
Berkshire.
November 1.

Changing Abbey

From Sir Campbell Adamson

Sir, The main argument in Mr Sandison's letter (October 20) is that Abbey National is ignoring the views of its members. In fact, we are doing and will continue to do exactly the opposite.

As a board, our duty is to all our members. When we first announced our recommendation for conversion to public limited company status last March, we said that the process would take about 18 months. We also stated that we would keep members informed and would give all the relevant information before they are asked to vote. We have not deviated from this.

Our communications with members – past and planned – are well known to Mr Sandison. In this context, the board's rejection of his requisition for an additional special general meeting, on the grounds that such a requisition is inconsistent with the society's rules, is not ignoring members' views or stifling discussion.

I am determined that all members – over 7 million – should be able to cast their vote on the basis of the fullest information.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL ADAMSON,
Chairman,
Abbey National Building Society,
Abbey House Baker Street,
London NW1. October 26.

Flagging PEP

From Mr Brian Whittingham

Sir, You report (October 22) that personal equity plans are not proving very popular. May I suggest some reasons why this should be so?

- For a PEP investment to be worthwhile to the client, it is necessary to select a stock (or unit trust) with sufficient anticipated yield so that the tax saved exceeds the annual administrative charge. Some people may have overlooked this point.
- Those who hesitated to buy at the beginning of 1987 and bought at the pre-crash market peak will have been particularly disappointed.
- Some organizations (eg. Save & Prosper) do not permit the investor to become the beneficial owner of his or her investments at the end of the tax-free period, but simply pay out the cash value at that time.

Many investors on the contrary wish to enjoy an expanding income when they retire.

- Others (eg. Lloyds Bank) refuse to allow their clients to benefit from a shareholder's normal prerogative to subscribe for rights issues (within the annual investment limit) and to accept scrip shares in lieu of dividend.

It is even questionable whether an investor would have the opportunity to accept new shares, within the framework of a PEP, following a successful bid for the company invested in.

It occurs to me that the Government may need to give some incentive to PEP managers so that they are encouraged to offer a more satisfactory product to the small investor.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN WHITTINGHAM,
8 Allcard Close,
Horsham,
West Sussex.
October 23.

The banks and Barlow Clowes

From the Regional Organizer, South, Barlow Clowes Investors Group

Sir, The suggestion in your Business Letters (November 3) that, in the wake of the Barlow Clowes scandal, the banks should provide a new advisory service for would-be investors is risible.

The Le Quesne report is littered with references to Midland, Lloyds and Barclays Banks all of whom were involved in some way in endorsing the integrity of Barlow Clowes. Furthermore *many investors checked with* branches of all the four major banks, who could find no fault in their proposed investment. Probably the most glowing reference was provided by Barclays Bank about Barlow Clowes International in Gibraltar: "20 July 1987. Highly respectable directorate. Accounts maintained in our books to our entire satisfaction. Local company forms part of the leading UK Gilt specialist. Considered good for the purpose of your enquiry."

The whole financial protection system for the small investor has crashed to the ground and if the investors do not receive proper compensation, the reputation of most financial institutions will be badly scarred. Who can trust banks, auditors or financial advisers in the future? It is in their own interests to support *the efforts of Sir Peter Emery* MP to form a Lifeboat Fund. The Bank of England might well take a lead as it did so successfully in the Johnson Matthey Bank case.

Yours faithfully,
DON BEADLE
(Capt. RN Retd)
Gosport, Hants.
November 3.

Duty to investors

From Mrs Judith Lyons

Sir, At least Sir Godfray Le Quesne had obtained access to the monitoring returns and other formal memoranda to prepare his Barlow Clowes report.

Alas, I had no such luck when I applied to the Department of Trade and Industry for the monitoring returns in relation to City Investment Centres Limited (formerly Ravendale Market Makers) or for that matter Prior Harwin Securities Limited, both on behalf of the Action Group and for private clients.

Further, the Ombudsman refused to intervene in the absence of any prima-facie evidence that appplications for a licence by Ravendale and City Investment Centres were not given due consideration by the DTI, when one of my clients approached him through his MP.

Yet it was the absence of the required memoranda including monitoring returns which made it difficult to produce the prima-facie case of negligence.

The new law came into force out of synch with the compensation provisions; dealers were granted power to deal in Stock Market securities some 18 months before the compensation provisions came in. This is rather like licensing drivers without third-party insurance.

Perhaps DTI should read Duty to investors?

Yours faithfully,
Judith Lyons,
for Potter Kossoff and Lyons,
Solicitors,
Suites 31-38 Kent House,
87 Regent Street W1.
October 24.

Mail order care

From Mrs. M.M. Thompson

Sir, Recently, I asked the Department of Trade and Industry to send me two copies of the Le Quesne Report on Barlow Clowes – one for myself and one for a relative. Four days later the postman delivered a heavy package (postage £6.35) containing 24 copies of the report.

In the light of Lord Young's judgement, should one conclude that this is a further example of "reasonable care" *on the part of the DTI?* Or should one simply be heartened by the hint of generosity?

Yours faithfully,
M.M. THOMPSON,
Cedar Tree House,
North Warnborough,
Basingstoke,
Hampshire. October 30.

Cat's view

From Mrs L. Gillian Smith

Sir, Whilst reading the recent article on pet-food marketing in the business section of *The Times*, I wondered if it was April 1.

We do not have a television. I have tried my three cats on most brands of cat food, but all they will eat is Whiskas. Neither will they eat any French brands we have given them.

Do you think they have secret access to a television somewhere?

Yours faithfully
L. Gillian Smith,
Arrin Lodge.
Berry Lane,
Chorleywood. Hertfordshire.

SKF

Interim statement

Group sales for the nine months ended September 30th, 1988 rose 9 per cent to 15,724 million Swedish kronor (MSkr) compared with the corresponding period in 1987. Income after financial income and expense increased 30 per cent during the period to MSkr 1,002 (773). Earnings per share after tax amounted to Skr 23.30 (18.40).

	Jan-Sept 87	Jan-Sept 88
Sales (MSkr)	14,437	15,724
Operating income after depreciation (MSkr)	912	1,054
Income after financial income and expense (MSkr)	773	1,002
Capital expenditure (MSkr)	713	654
Average number of employees	43,353	43,158

The Group strengthened its position within the cylindrical roller bearings area as a result of its acquisition of the bearings operations of Steyr Wälzlager G.m.b.H., which SKF formally takes over in December.

Sales of rolling bearings during the first nine months of 1988 amounted to MSkr 13,200 (12,300). Income after financial income and expense was MSkr 759 (618).

SKF Component Systems' sales amounted to MSkr 2,075 (1,709). Earnings rose to MSkr 146 (102).

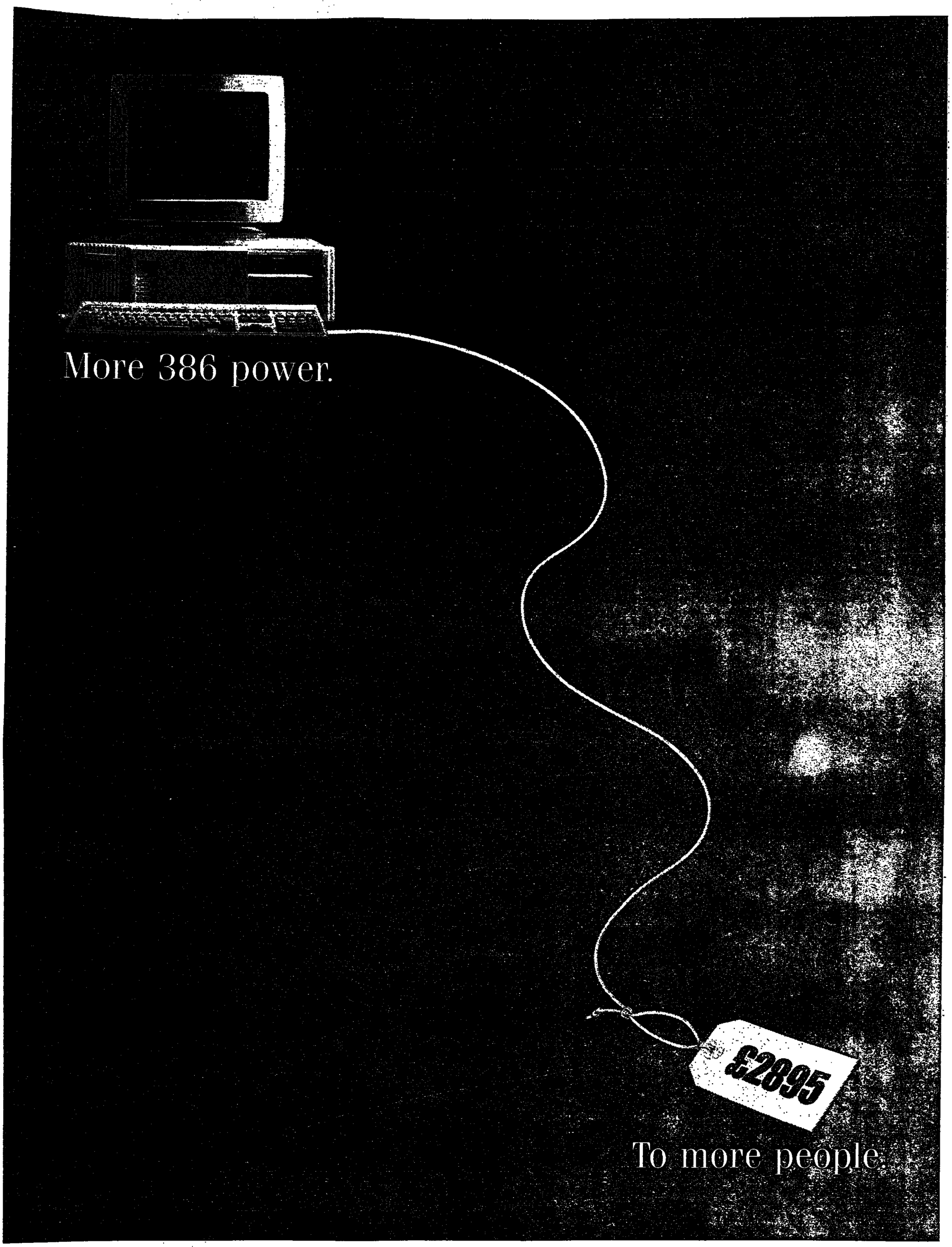
SKF Tools' sales rose to MSkr 869 (787). Earnings totalled MSkr 102 (82).

As a result of continued favourable demand and an improved price situation, it is anticipated that income for the full year will exceed earlier forecasts.

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Abbey National to expand commercial agent business

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Abbey National, Britain's second largest building society, is acquiring J Trevor & Sons, the Mayfair, London, commercial estate agent.

Abbey National is already a leading residential estate agent, with 400 offices built up under the Cornerstone banner since building societies were allowed to enter the field last year. During that time, it has gathered several commercial agencies in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and now has 20 offices, with plans to double them in the next few years.

Mr Peter Birch, Abbey National chief executive, said: "What we needed was a London base, and Trevors, which has also expanded successfully into the provinces, provides it."

J Trevor will become the London regional headquarters of the Cornerstone Commercial network, continuing to operate in its traditional market and retaining its identity under Cornerstone by means of a joint logo.

Mr Birch said: "We are effectively incorporating the local and regional expertise of our member firms into a national network which will, ultimately, provide clients with the most comprehensive service available at any particular location in the UK.

"We are certainly in the top 10 now, in both commercial and residential estate agencies."

Mr Roger Smith, Cornerstone Commercial's managing director, said: "Commercial estate agency enables Abbey National to move into a business which is highly synergistic with our core operation, and which allows it to diversify away from the natural fluctuations of the residential market."

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General Accident

NINE-MONTHS' RESULTS

The results for the nine months ended 30th September 1988, estimated and unaudited are compared below with those for the similar period in 1987, which are restated at 31st December 1987 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1987.

It must be emphasised that the results for the interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	9 Months to 30.9.88 Estimate £ millions	9 Months to 30.9.87 Estimate £ millions	Year 1987 Actual £ millions
Premium Income			
General Business	1,921.2	1,618.3	2,169.5
Long Term Business	201.7	159.1	213.6
	2,122.9	1,777.4	2,383.1
Investment Income	271.5	219.5	299.1
NZI Bank Result	(5.3)	–	–
Underwriting –			
General Business Result	(43.0)	(59.7)	(98.3)
Long Term Business Profits	12.3	9.5	11.5
	235.5	169.3	212.3
Less Interest on Loans	12.0	2.9	3.8
UK Employee Profit Sharing Scheme	–	–	4.1
Profit before Taxation	223.5	166.4	204.4
Taxation - UK and Overseas	59.5	33.9	40.8
Profit after Taxation	164.0	132.5	163.6
Minority Interests and Preference Dividend	2.9	2.1	2.4
Net Profit attributable to Shareholders	161.1	130.4	161.2
Earnings per Ordinary Share	82.3p	69.9p	86.2p
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			
U.S.A.	$1.69	$1.88	$1.88
Canada	$2.06	$2.44	$2.44

Notes

(1) The above figures include the results of the NZI Corporation Limited for the period from the date of acquisition 26th July 1988 to 30th September 1988. These results which are not pro rata for the quarter would not provide any indication of the NZI result for the full quarter.

(2) The NZI Bank result includes gains and losses both realised and unrealised on investments held for trading purposes but does not include any further provisions set up by NZI against loans on the books prior to 26th July 1988.

(3) Investment income excludes £8.3m (1987 £6.9m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be credited to earnings.

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT

	9 months to 30.9.88 Premium Income £m	9 months to 30.9.88 Underwriting Result £m	9 months to 30.9.87 Premium Income £m	9 months to 30.9.87 Underwriting Result £m
U.K.	697.0	37.0	604.5	(12.0)
U.S.A.	654.9	(36.3)	533.4	(33.4)
EEC other than U.K.	108.9	(9.7)	114.0	(9.7)
Canada	229.9	(0.8)	183.6	3.8
Pacific Basin	91.0	(2.2)	43.4	(2.1)
Other Overseas	64.4	(0.3)	58.7	(0.7)
London Market business incl. internal reins.	75.1	(30.7)	80.7	(5.6)
	1,921.2	(43.0)	1,618.3	(59.7)

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 18.7% and 23.7% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations the increases were 12.3% and 15.7% respectively.

In the third quarter there was a worldwide underwriting loss of £18.8m (1987 £7.3m loss) including a profit of £27.4m (1987 £7.9m profit) in the United Kingdom and a £9.4m loss (1987 £6.0m loss) in the United States. In the aggregate other markets produced underwriting losses of £36.8m (1987 £9.2m loss). The pre tax profit for the quarter amounted to £70.6m (1987 £73.4m profit).

For the nine months in the United Kingdom there was an underwriting profit of £37.0m (1987 £12.0m loss). The Motor account, continuing the improvement seen at the half year, reported a profit for the nine months of £1.5m (1987 £12.6m loss). The Homeowners and Commercial Property accounts benefiting from a sharp reduction in the incidence of claims reported increased profits at the nine months of £20.3m and £23.8m respectively (1987 £5.6m loss and £6.5m profit respectively). Experience in the Liability account remains adverse.

For the nine months net written premiums in the United States totalled $1,107m (1987 $1,003m) with an operating ratio of 104.97% as compared with 105.75% for the same period in 1987. On the United Kingdom accounting basis the underwriting loss was £36.3m (1987 £33.4m loss). Some improvement was seen in most major lines

Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £43.7m (1987 £14.3m loss) with the loss from Hurricane Gilbert costing £32.5m at current exchange rates.

The NZI Bank result for the period of £5.3m loss was adversely influenced by the level of non performing loans and rationalisation costs.

New annual life premiums for life business in the United Kingdom in the first nine months of 1988 were £36.8m (1987 £25.3m), and single premiums £25.9m (1987 £28.0m).

General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation plc.

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STOCK MARKET

S&N shares rise above Elders' bid level on no-referral hopes

Hopes that Elders IXL's bid for Scottish & Newcastle will not now be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission saw the price rise back above the 400p a share being offered by the Australian brewer.

It finished the session 5p higher at 406p as almost 2 million shares changed hands. Mr John Elliott, the Elders chairman, has consistently said he knows of no reason why the bid should be referred. His bid for Allied-Lyons a couple of years ago had to be abandoned after the Government stepped in.

But a number of leading brokers remain sceptical that the deal will be given the green light. They point out that the Scottish lobby remains powerful and will do its utmost to seek Government intervention – especially after the lessons learnt from Guinness's bid for Distillers.

Dealers expect a recovery in Ratners' share price on talk that its proposed purchase of Zales, the 130-jewellery store chain, from Next is not to be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Shares of Ratners have fallen from 215p since the deal was announced last month and closed at 194p.

A decision on a referral is unlikely until next week at the earliest.

Elsewhere, Tuesday's euphoria in the wake of Mr George Bush's presidential election victory quickly evaporated as investors in London became increasingly concerned about the massive deficit problem he has inherited. The next set of US trade figures are revealed next Wednesday.

A fresh plunge in the dollar on foreign exchange markets exacerbated the dull trend and prompted renewed weakness in shares of the big exporters.

The upshot was that the FT-SE 100-share index at one stage fell 20.5 points before recovering slightly to show a 14.9 points fall to 1,825.7 by the close. The narrower FT 30-share index ended 11.2 points off at 1,479.8.

A weak US bond market affected sentiment in the gilt-market and prices at the longer end cheapened by £¼.

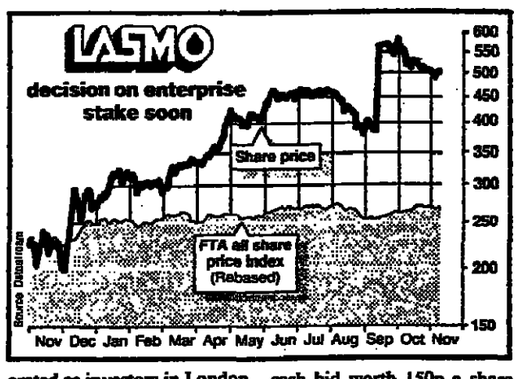
Northern Engineering Industries, the power station equipment maker and general engineering group, advanced 3¼p to 135p as takeover speculation intensified.

Whispers in the market suggest that a £350 million cash bid worth 150p a share for NEI from Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine manufacturer, is imminent. Rolls-Royce has a holding of 11 million shares, or 4.7 per cent.

The deadline for tenders involving the sale of London & Scottish Marine Oil's 25 per cent stake in rival Enterprise Oil expires today. The "for sale" sign went up last month in the wake of British Gas's dawn raid on Lasmo and after RTZ sold its 28 per cent holding for £259 million – netting it a profit of £113 million.

Lasmo has been a perennial takeover favourite and speculation was increased by the British Gas raid. It may have been the reason behind the group's decision to auction its Enterprise stake. The market expects the auction to raise between £500 million and £600 million. Enterprise shares fell 1p at 580p.

Dealers remain bullish about long-term prospects for Lasmo and claim the shares remain good value for money. They point out that the British Gas raid was pitched at 480p and that RTZ received 505p for its holding. Lasmo shares closed 1p dearer at 505p.



Ranks Hovis McDougall remained in free fall after Goodman Fielder Wattie, the Australian food group, confirmed market fears that it has failed to find a buyer for its 29.9 per cent stake in the company. The price fell 8p to 359p, after 353p.

The stores sector remained friendless as dealers braced themselves for another poor set of interim figures today from Storehouse, Sir Terence Conran's BHS, Habitat-Mothercare, Heal's and Richard shops group.

Jaguar rallied another 3p to 280p, helped by the appearance of a buyer seeking a million shares. Panmure Gordon, the broker, issued a buy recommendation this week, claiming the shares were oversold and failed to reflect the group's true worth or any recovery in profits.

Storehouse dropped 5p to 166p in anticipation of poor results. Analysts have pitched their pre-tax profits forecasts between just £20 million and £27 million compared with £35.3 million last year because they reckon that like-for-like sales at BHS and Richards will be flat and margins across the group will show weakness.

Sears, the Selfridges to Saxones and William Hill betting group, cheapened 1p further to 126p on a turnover of more than 3 million shares, a far cry from the 145p level reached six weeks ago when bid speculation was rife.

Sanderson Murray & Elder, the Bradford woolcombers, attracted speculative support on bid hopes and closed 7p higher at 200p.

Whispers in the market suggest that Allied Textile, which holds a stake in the company, will soon launch a full-scale offer.

BAT Industries was sold down to 440p at one stage before closing 14p down at 444p on a turnover of 5.2 million shares as news spread that Californian voters had given majority backing to Proposition 103, a measure which will cut car and other insurance rates by 20 per cent.

The setback was prompted by the view that this move will eventually hit profits at Farmers Group, the insurance group bought by BATs this year after a bitter bid battle. Farmers earned more than 40 per cent of its income from California last year.

BATs also reflected news that Californians voted for a 25 per cent tax rise on a packet of cigarettes.

Royal Insurance, which also derives a considerable amount of its business from California dropped 7p to 375p.

Still among Composite Insurances, Commercial Union cheapened 6.5p to 330p following disappointing third-quarter figures.

Michael Clarke and Geoffrey Foster

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	2,032	CU	2,600	Laporte	386	Saatchi	1,265
Abbey	1,503	Cons Gold	507	L&G	675	Sainsbury	2,177
Allid-Lyons	1,724	Cookson	1,515	Lloyds	2,671	Scot & N	1,937
Amstrad	2,310	Courtaulds	1,715	Lonrho	4,994	Sears	4,353
ASDA	786	Dalgety	259	Lucas	914	Sedgwick	441
AB Foods	612	Dixons	1,421	Magnet	646	Shell	756
Argyll	1,270	EEC	1,264	M&S	5,272	Sebe	887
BAA	247	Enterprise	731	Maxwell Cm	1,659	Slough	490
BET	1,753	Ferranti	5,734	MB Group	n/a	Smith & N	1,510
BTR	2,604	Fisons	831	MEPC	264	Smith WH	137
BAT	5,304	FKI Babck	360	Midland	463	Smiths Ind	1,976
Barclays	2,654	Gateway Cp	821	NatWest	1,515	STC	611
Bass	1,675	Gen Acc	1,804	Next	945	Stan Chart	647
Beecham	1,164	GEC	4,750	Nth Food	232	Storehse	1,188
Beazer	276	Glaxo	1,499	P&O	1,375	Sun Alince	1,691
Bensid SW	768	Globe Inv	277	Pearl	315	T & N	389
BICC	753	Glynwed	661	Pearson	152	Tarmac	1,472
Blue Arrow	2,069	Granada	1,235	Pilkington	1,239	Tate & Lyle	96
Blue Circle	510	Grand Met	5,723	Plessey	3,213	Taylor Wood	80
BOC	833	GUS 'A'	71	Polly Peck	86	TSB	4,910
Boots	5,871	GRE	2,873	Prudential	1,033	Tesco	1,764
BPB	813	GKN	1,206	Racal	1,197	Thorn EMI	345
Br Aero	1,914	Guinness	1,989	Racal Tele	686	Trafalgar	941
Br Airways	651	Hamm 'A'	132	Rk Howis	2,410	THF	3,169
Br Comm	1,186	Hanson	5,849	Rank	178	Ultramar	1,310
Br Gas	3,849	H & C	623	R&C	229	Unigate	562
Br Land	928	Hawker	61	Redland	116	Unilever	1,844
Br Petrol	5,810	Hillsdown	1,240	Reed	513	Unisd Bis	880
Br Telecm	2,898	IMI	242	Reuters	548	Utd News	615
Bunzl	499	ICI	1,163	RMC Gp	550	Wellcome	1,672
Burmah	1,250	Inchcape	1,275	RTZ	1,300	Whitbrd	1,431
Burton	438	Jaguar	2,597	R-Royce	2,522	Wilkinson	714
C&W	1,262	Lasmo	598	Rothmn 'B'	359	Willis Fab	844
Cadbury	1,747	Ladbroke	546	Royal Bank	847	Wimpey G	720
Coats	2,887	Land Sec	627	Royal Ins	2,055	Woolworth	579

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Series	Jan Calls	Apr Calls	Jul Calls	Jan Puts	Apr Puts	Jul Puts
Allid Lyon (*463)	420 57	72 –	8	15	–	
	480 30	45	58	21	30	41
	500 15	26	38	50	54	61
Boss (*820)	750 80	95	117	8	16	20
	800 42	62	82	25	37	37
	850 16	36	55	55	60	62
Brit Air (*168)	140 29	33 –	1½	4	–	
	160 14	19	25	7	9½	14
	180 4½	10	14	18	20	26
Brit Com (*245)	220 28	35	42	4	8	11
	240 17	24	29	13	15	20
	260 7	15	19	26	28	30
Brit Gas (*164)	140027½	27½	31	1	2	3
	160 10½	12	17	3	6	7½
	180 2	4¼	7½	17	181⅜	
BP (*249)	220	33365½	39	1⅝	4¼	6
	240 16⅛	19½	24½	5	11½	13⅜
	260 6⅜	9½	15	1522½		25
Coss Gold (*1185)	1100 150	190 –	35	60	–	
	1150 120	165	205	60	83	100
	1200 90	135	175	85	105	130
Courtauld (*263)	280 17	26	30	12	16	22
	300 8½	17	21	25	27	34
	330 3	8	12	52	52	57
Com Union (*331)	330 17	25	32	12	24	27
	360 7½	12	22	34	52	45
	390 1	7	–	64	67	–
C & W (*387)	380 40	53	–	8	14	–
	390 20	33	45	19	23	28
	420 10	20	30	40	45	46
GEC (*173)	140 38	38	–	1	2	–
	160 18	21	25	3½	6	9
	180 5	10	16	11	15	17
GKN (*329)	300 39	47	53	3	10	13
	330 17	26	34	13	21	24
	360 7	12	21	32	41	44
Grand Met (*454)	420 49	57	65	4½	11½	16
	454 25	34	–	15	25	–
	493 9	15	–	39	46	–
	542 2½	6	–	87	88	–
ICI (*1023)	950 98	112	–	8	26	–
	1000 62	77	–	21	45	–
	1050 34	47	–	47	74	–
	1100 16	30	54	84	107	105
Jaguar (*280)	240 50	56	66	4	9	14
	260 34	41	54	8	16	21
	280 21	30	42	16	25	35
	300 12½	21	–	28	36	–
Land Sec (*582)	500 90	102	–	3½	7	–
	550 48	63	75	10	14	20
	600 20	33	47	32	35	43
M & S (*158)	140 21	25	–	1½	4½	–
	160 7	12	16	7½	10	14
	180 2	6	9	24	27	30
R-Royce (*133)	120 18	25	–	2	4½	–
	130 10	15½	19	4½	7½	10
	140 5	10	12	9½	12¾	16
STC (*278)	260 29	35	–	5	10	–
	280 15	22	31	13	17	21
	300 7	13	21	28	30	33
Sainsbury (*201)	180 26	33	37	2	4	7
	200 12	19	24	8	12	15
	220 3½	9	15	22	23	27
Shell (*972)	950 55	74	88	19	38	40
	1000 27	44	65	42	65	67
	1050 12	23	43	85	100	102
Storehse (*167)	160 7	13	19	16	19	23
	200 3½	6	12	34	35	36
	220 2	4	7	54	54	55
Trafalgar (*309)	280 32	36	–	5	6	–
	300 16	24	28	13	16	20
	330 5	11	14	34	38	40
TSB (*112)	90 23	22	–	1	2	–
	100 12	13	–	2	3	–
	110 4½	7	8¾	4½	7	7¾
Utd Biec (*295)	280 26	36	41	12	15	21
	300 15	26	32	22	26	32
	330 8	15	19	44	46	48
Ultramar (*234)	235 17	26	–	14	17	–
	255 10	18	–	24	28	–
	275 6	12	–	45	46	–
Woolworth (*243)	240 15	21	26	8	10	14
	260 8	13	15	20	21	24
	280 4	7	11	40	40	42

Series	Dec Calls	Mar Calls	Jun Calls	Dec Puts	Mar Puts	Jun Puts
Amstrad (*187)	200 4½	14	20	17	22	28
	220 1½	8	12	34	36	37
	240 1	4	–	54	55	–
Barclays (*404)	360 50	–	–	1½	–	–
	395 20	–	–	6	–	–
	429 5	–	–	28	–	–
Beecham (*480)	420 44	56	71	3	6	16
	460 14	32	45	16	22	31
	500 3	15	28	45	48	55
Boots (*227)	200 30	38	43	2	5	6½
	220 13½	25	30	7	11	14
	240 6	15	20	20	22	25
BTR (*292)	280 38	46	–	–	1	3¼
	280 18	29	32	4½	9	12
	300 7½	17	18	14	18	22
Blue Circ (*450)	390 66	78	–	2	5	–
	420 40	54	60	5	12	18
	460 13	30	34	24	28	36
	500 4	15	20	54	56	60
Distnrs (*141)	140 7	15	20	5	11	14
	160 1½	7	11	20	24	27
	180 1	2½	–	38	41	–

November 9, 1988 Totals: 33513 Calls 22219 Puts 10884 *Underlying security price.

Series	Dec Calls	Mar Calls	Jun Calls	Dec Puts	Mar Puts	Jun Puts
Glaxo (*1078)	1050 45	80 –	30	48	–	
	1100 23	65	87	80	75	77
	1150 10	45	67	100	108	105
	1200 4	30	48	145	145	140
Hanson (*150)	130 21½	22½	–	1	1⅜	–
	140 12½	15	17½	2	4	5¾
	160 1½	5¼		7	14½	15½
Hawker (*554)	500 55	75	85	4	10	15
	550 18	38	48	23	27	32
	600 5	12	22	62	67	70
Hillsdown (*265)	260 10	21	26	6	10	14
	280 2½	11	14	21	22	25
	300 ½	5	–	38	40	–
Lonhro (*407)	360 59	70	85	8	22	26
	390 38	54	66	20	34	40
	420 22	40	51	33	51	55
Midland (*408)	390 25	37	43	7	16	20
	420 8	20	28	30	37	37
	460 3	8	15	60	67	67
Sears (*126)	120 10½	18	22	4	7½	9
	130	6 12½	16½	8¾	13	14
	140 3¾	8¾	12	16½	18¾	21
Tesco (*134)	130 11	16	18	3	6	7
	140 3½	11	13	9	11	13
	160 1½	4	5	25	27	29
Thorn EMI (*657)	600 70	87	104	3	12	18
	650 28	47	67	16	25	35
	700 9	24	39	45	53	60
THF (*272)	240 37	45	54	2½	9	13
	260 22	32	41	7	16	21
	280 11	22	31	17	28	29
Unilever (*477)	420 60	72	82	2	5½	9½
	460 23	42	54	8½	17	23
	500 6	21	30	32	36	42
Wellcome (*455)	480 16	32	50	18	27	32
	500 6	20	32	46	53	58
	550 1⅛	9	17	98	97	97

Series	Nov Calls	Jan Mar	Nov Puts	Jan Mar
Enterprise (*580)	600 20	40 59	45	52 62
	650 7	23 38	82	85 82
	700 3	14 25	128	130 133
RMC (*359)	350 8	18 –	11	18 –
	390 3	10 –	36	45 –
	420 1	5 –	85	72 –

Series	Nov Calls	Feb May	Nov Puts	Feb May
BAA (*280)	265 17	– –	1½	– –
	280 4	15 23	4	12 16
	300 1	7 14	22	25 27
Brit Aero (*488)	430 78	82 88	1	4 9
	460 39	60 68	2	10 20
	500 7	34 43	12	25 35
	550 1	14 21	58	60 70
BAT Ind (*444)	420 29	46 54	2	8½ 18
	460 4	22 30	17	26 36
	500 1	8 15	58	59 62
Brit Tele (*247)	220 28	31 38	1	3 5
	240 8	16 24	2	8 10
	260 1	7½ 13	15	18 20
Cadbury (*351)	360 10	34 42	7	24 31
	390 3½	20 30	33	42 47
	420 1½	10 20	61	62 66
Guinness (*338)	300 42	52 60	2	4 7
	330 13	28 35	4	11 16
	360 2	13 18	24	26 32
Ladbroke (*443)	390 56	69 –	1	3 –
	420 27	43 53	2	8½ 11
	460 4	21 27	19	26 27
LASMO (*505)	500 26	52 68	17	34 45
	550 6	31 45	62	63 70
	600 2	18 30	100	103 103
Pilkington (*224)	200 25	30 35	2	5 7
	220 9	17 25	4	12 15
	240 2	8 15	18	23 25
Plessey (*173)	140 33	35 37	1	2 3½
	160 14	19 23	1½	6 8
	180 2½	9 12	12	16 16
P & O (*570)	550 75	90 96	2	4 9
	550 25	50 58	4	13 23
	600 3	23 30	32	40 52
Prudential (*155)	160 1½	8 12	8	10 14
	170 ½	– –	17	– –
	180 ½	4 6	27	27 28
Racal (*286)	300 3	16 27	17	29 32
	330 1	8 18	48	48 51
	360 ¾	3½ 9	76	77 79
RTZ (*447)	390 62	73 86	1	6 10
	420 32	52 65	3	14 18
	460 5	30 40	18	32 38
Vaal Reefs (*573)	60 15	18 20	¾	3 5
	70 8	10 13	3	7 10
	80 1	5 6½	10	14 17
Tr 12%	106 –	– –	–	1/32 –
1985	110 –	1/32 –	1¼	1⅜ –
(*108)	112 1/16	⅛ –	3⅝	– –
	114 1/16	1/16 –	–	– –

FT-SE INDEX (*1826)

Series	Nov Calls	Dec Calls	Jan Calls	Feb Calls	Nov Puts	Dec Puts	Jan Puts	Feb Puts
1700	131	143	152	160	2¾	6¼	14	18
1750	83	100	107	120	5½	13	22	27
1800	45	62	75	85	12	25	33	43
1850	18	32	47	55	37	48	55	63
1900	4	14	24	34	83	87	90	95
1950	1	6	13	18	133	130	132	132
2000	½	–	–	–	183	–	–	–

FT-SE: Calls 1775 Puts 4516

TOKYO

Nikkei up on Bush election victory

Share prices ended the day higher in Tokyo after the market's favoured choice, Mr George Bush, won the US presidential election, brokers said.

"As Bush gained points, we rolled along with it," said a trader at Yamaichi Securities Co "Bush won and most investors were expecting that. It was not really a surprise."

The Nikkei index rose 205.51 points, or 0.73 per cent, to 28,212.78. It added 140.91 points on Tuesday. A moderate 1.2 billion shares changed bands against 900 million on Tuesday.

"Bush, more than Dukakis, constitutes less in the way of change," said Mr Haruo Nakaharu, a vice president of research at Prudential-Bache Securities (Japan).

Mr Bush is also perceived as less protectionist on trade issues than Mr Michael Dukakis, a reason for investors buying export-oriented high technology stock.

But they sold off some of these later in the day on a slight weakening of the dollar and expectations that the currency could fall further, and instead bought a variety of other stock.

Rising issues led decliners by about seven to five. Advances were led by securities house, non-life insurance, bank, pulp/paper, gas, communications, airline, railway/bus, rolling stock and construction shares.

The declining sectors were pharmaceutical, fishery, electrical, precision instrument, retail, credit/lease, steel and trucking stock.

The broader first section index rose a healthy 24.78 points to 2,170.51 after a 16.29-point gain on Tuesday.

● **Hong Kong (AP-DJ)** – Share prices ended mixed in light trading.

The Hang Seng Index edged down 4.04 points to 2,582.98. Turnover rose to HK$639 million (£46 million) from HK$404 million on Tuesday.

Among blue-chip issues, the banking sector made a modest gain while the utility group slipped. Other sectors were mixed.

● **Sydney** – The All-Industrials index rose 3.8 points to 2,570.0, and the All Resources 0.5 points to 809.5, while the gold marker fell 6.8 points to 1,628.2. National turnover was a modest 104.20 million shares worth Aus$135.41 million (£63 million). Decliners led gainers by 11 to 10.

● **Frankfurt** – The 100-share FAZ index fell slightly to 530.32 points from 530.63 on Tuesday.

Turnover on all German bourses fell to DM3.02 billion (£952 million) from DM3.19 billion on Tuesday, with German shares turning over DM2.64 billion against DM2.80 billion.

Gainers led decliners by 95 to 94, with 78 shares unchanged. Deutsche Bank was the most actively traded stock.

WALL STREET

Dow slips 10 points as dealers take profits

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares fell in early trading on the day after the US presidential election. Brokers said a win for Mr George Bush was written into the market and traders were taking profits. They said selling was also encouraged by a drop in US bonds and the dollar.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 10.31 points to 2,117.18 and decliners broadly led gaining issues. Trading was moderate. Among early actives, General Electric slipped 1/4 to 44-1/2, RJR Nabisco was ahead 1/4 at 87-7/8 and IBM was down 3/8 at 119-5/8.

	Nov 8	Nov 7		Nov 8	Nov 7		Nov 8	Nov 7
AMR Cp	48¼	48	Fedders	11	11⅛	Pennzoil	73⅜	74⅜
ASA	40⅝	40⅝	Fst Chicago	32½	32¾	Pepsico	40⅜	39⅝
Aetna Life	48	48⅛	Fst Int Bncp	48	47¾	Pfizer	56¼	58
Allied Signal	33	32¾	Fst Penn C	12⅝	12¾	Phelps Dod	48¾	47¼
Allis Chlm	½	½	FT Wachva	38½	38	Philip Mor	94	94½
Alcoa	54¾	54½	Ford Motor	51½	51	Philip Pet	19⅜	19
Amax Inc	23⅜	22¾	GAF Cp	48½	48¼	Pillsbury	58⅜	59
AMR Hesa	29	29⅝	GTE Cp	43¼	43	Polaroid	37	37⅛
Am Brands	54¼	54¾	Gen Cp	20¼	20¾	Primerica	29⅛	29⅜
Am Cyanmd	46¾	47⅜	Gn Dynam	52¾	52¾	Procr Gble	82⅛	82¾
Am Ele Pwr	27⅞	27⅞	Gen Electric	44⅜	43⅝	Pub Sv E G	34¾	34⅜
Amexa	27⅛	26⅝	Gen Inst	24¼	23⅝	R Nabisco	87¾	87¾
Am Family	13⅞	13¾	Gen Mills	63¼	62⅝	Raytheon	70⅜	70⅜
Am Home	83	82¾	Gen Motors	83	82¾	Rynlds Metl	52⅝	52¾
Am Int Grp	84¾	84¾	Gen Pub Ut	36⅜	36⅜	Rockwell Int	20¾	20¾
Am Telph	28⅞	28⅞	Genesco	5	5	Royal Dutch	111⅛	110⅝
Amoco Cp	73	73	George Pac	35½	35¼	SFE Sopec	17¾	17⅞
Anheusr B	31¼	32	Gillette	36¾	36½	Sara Lee	45⅞	45⅝
Arch Dan	20⅝	20¼	Goodrich	55	55¼	Schlumb	33⅜	33¾
Armco Steel	9⅝	9⅝	Goodyear	50⅝	51¾	Scott Paper	38⅝	38¾
Asarco Inc	25⅝	28⅝	Gould	n.a	n.a	Seagram	67¾	66¾
Ashland Oil	34½	35¼	Grace Co	26⅝	26½	Sears Roeb	42	43⅜
Ad Richfld	78⅝	78¾	Grt Atl Pac	44¾	44¾	Sec Pac	38	38⅛
Avon Prod	22⅜	21¾	Greyhnd	29¾	30⅜	Shell Trans	69⅜	69¾
Bk Bosson	24¾	24¾	Grumun	22¾	22½	Smith Beck	43¾	43⅜

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Monotype	Industrials L-R	
2	Hacking Penicost	Textiles	
3	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
4	How Gp	Building,Roads	
5	Tyne Tees TV	Leisure	
6	Bass (aa)	Breweries	
7	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
8	Jaguar (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
9	Lowe HS & B	Paper,Print,Adv	
10	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
11	DDT Group	Electricals	
12	Barr (AG)	Foods	
13	NMW Comp	Electricals	
14	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K	
15	Herring Son	Property	
16	Oil Search	Oil,Gas	
17	Oliver (G)	Drapery,Stores	
18	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
19	Barlow Rand	Industrials A-D	
20	Bestwood	Industrials A-D	
21	Burtonwood Brew	Breweries	
22	MY Holdings	Industrials L-R	
23	Dag Motors	Motors,Aircraft	
24	Underwoods	Drapery,Stores	
25	Lancaster	Motors,Aircraft	
26	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
27	Cropper (James)	Paper,Print,Adv	
28	Rosehaugh	Property	
29	Lucas (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
30	Jessups	Motors,Aircraft	
31	Wood (Arthur)	Industrials S-Z	
32	Hall Eng	Industrials E-K	
33	Volex	Electricals	
34	Vaux Group	Breweries	
35	Cambridge Instr	Electricals	
36	Headlam Sims	Shoes, Leather	
37	Jacks (Wm)	Motors,Aircraft	
38	Evode	Chemicals,Plas	
39	Chenning	Industrials A-D	
40	Quadrant Group	Leisure	
41	Arlington Secs	Property	
42	Guinness (aa)	Breweries	
43	Runciman (Walter)	Shipping	
44	Conder Grp	Building,Roads	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987/8 High Low Stock | Price | Chge | Int Only yld% | Gross Red yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

102⅝ 99⅝ Treas 11¾% 1989 99⅝ .. 11.5 11.719
102 99⅛ Exch 10% 1989 99⅝ .. 10.1 11.511
104⅛ 94⅝ Exch 10¼% 1989 99⅝ .. 10.3 11.368
103⅝ 94⅝ Exch 11% 1989 99⅝ .. 11.0 11.290
102⅝ 99⅝ Treas 9¾% 1989-92 99⅝ .. 9.7 9.421
101⅛ 94 Treas C 9¾% 1989 99⅝ .. 9.57 11.419
97⅝ 85⅝ Treas 9% 1989 97 .. 3.0 8.989
103⅜ 99⅝ Treas 12% 1989 99⅝ .. 9.1 9.133
107⅝ 102 Treas 13¾% 1989 102 .. 10.9 10.045
104⅜ 100 Exch 11% 1989 100 .. 10.9 10.074
107⅝ 101⅞ Treas 12¾% 1990 101⅝ .. 10.7 10.070
99⅝ 89⅝ Treas 9% 1990 91⅝ .. 3.2 8.893
104⅝ 99⅝ Treas 9¼% 1987-90 99⅝ .. 10.1 10.021
103⅝ 99⅝ Treas 10% 1990 99⅝ .. 10.1 10.061
91⅛ 87⅝ Exch 9¾% 1990 99⅝ .. 8.2 9.508
105⅝ 99⅝ Treas C 10% 1990 100 .. 10.1 10.091
107⅝ 101⅛ Treas 11¾% 1990 101⅝ .. 10.7 10.062
98⅜ 87⅝ Treas 9¾% 1987-91 91⅛ .. 3.2 9.778
107⅝ 99⅝ Exch 11% 1991 101⅛ .. 10.4 10.494
99⅝ 89⅝ Treas 9% 1991 97⅝ .. 3.4 9.231
100⅝ 89⅝ Treas 9¾% 1991 97⅝ .. 3.4 9.494
113⅛ 105⅝ Treas 12¼% 1992 105⅝ .. 10.7 10.371
104⅝ 99⅝ Exch 10% 1992 99⅝ .. 10.1 10.341
105⅝ 99⅝ Treas C10¾% 1992 100⅝ .. 10.4 10.333
98⅜ 87⅝ Treas 9% 1992 97⅝ .. 3.7 9.363
98⅜ 87⅝ Treas 9% 1992-96 97⅝ .. 3.7 9.363
112⅝ 104⅜ Exch 12¾% 1992 105⅝ .. 11.0 10.367
117⅜ 108⅜ Exch 13¾% 1992 109⅜ .. 11.4 10.361

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

97¾ 91⅛ Treas 9¾% 1993 99⅝ .. 8.8 10.054
105⅝ 99⅜ Treas 10% 1993 100⅝ .. 10.0 10.136
116⅝ 107⅜ Treas 12¾% 1993 108⅝ .. 11.6 10.194
93 87⅝ Treas 8¾% 1993 88 .. 8.280 9.935
121⅝ 109⅞ Treas 13¾% 1993 113⅝ .. 12.0 10.173
93⅝ 87⅝ Exch 9% 1994 93⅝ .. 8.1 10.182
94⅝ 88⅝ Treas 8¾% 1994 a 93⅝ .. .. ..
125⅝ 115⅝ Treas 14¾% 1994 117⅝ .. 13.2 10.197
110⅝ 103⅞ Exch 12¾% 1994 111⅝ .. 11.4 10.207
130⅝ 115⅝ Treas 13¾% 1994 113⅝ .. 11.9 10.250
101⅝ 91⅝ Treas 9% 1994 95⅝ .. 8.4 9.971
105⅝ 99⅝ Exch 10% 1994 99⅝ .. 10.0 10.091
114⅝ 105⅝ Treas 12% 1994 107⅝ .. 11.2 10.177
99⅝ 78⅝ Treas 9% 1995-99 80⅝ .. 3.88 9.693
108⅝ 98⅝ Exch 10¾% 1995 103⅝ .. 10.4 10.074
120⅝ 107⅜ Treas 12¾% 1995 113⅝ .. 11.2 10.064
128⅝ 116⅜ Treas 14% 1995 119⅝ .. 11.7 10.031
101⅛ 93⅝ Treas 9% 1996-98 95⅝ .. 9.3 9.786
133⅝ 117⅝ Treas 15¾% 1998 126⅝ .. 12.0 10.107
122⅜ 110⅝ Exch 13¾% 1998 116⅝ .. 11.8 10.000
105⅝ 95⅝ Exch 10% 1998 99⅝ .. 10.1 10.091
131⅝ 115⅝ Treas 13¾% 1997 117⅝ .. 11.2 9.974
108⅝ 97⅛ Exch 10¾% 1997 103⅝ .. 10.1 9.913
99⅜ 91⅛ Treas 9¾% 1997 94⅜ .. 9.2 9.733
134⅝ 119⅝ Exch 13¾% 1997 126⅝ .. 11.8 10.022
87⅝ 79⅝ Treas 9% 1999-08 82⅝ .. 9.0 9.347
104 98⅝ Exch 9¾% 1998 98⅝ .. 9.8 9.865
140⅝ 126⅜ Exch 15¾% 1998 133⅝ .. 11.8 10.068
118⅝ 107 Exch 12% 1998 112⅝ .. 10.6 9.846
103⅝ 95⅝ Exch 9¾% 1998 98⅝ .. 9.9 9.846
128⅝ 113⅞ Exch 12¼% 1998 114⅝ .. 10.8 9.880
109⅝ 99⅝ Treas 10¾% 1998 104⅝ .. 10.0 9.867
107⅜ 98 Treas 10¼% 1999 101⅝ .. 10.1 9.883
103⅝ 91⅝ Treas 9% 2000 95⅝ .. 9.1 9.583
129⅝ 117⅝ Treas 13% 2000 120⅝ .. 10.7 9.844
98⅝ 92⅝ Conv 9% 2000 98⅝ .. 9.2 9.088
108⅝ 99⅝ Treas 10¾% 2000 103⅝ .. 10.4 9.868
120⅝ 116⅝ Treas 14% 1998-.. 118⅝ .. 11.8 10.068
99⅝ 91⅝ Exch 9¾% 2002 95⅝ .. 9.8 9.844
107⅝ 98⅝ Exch 10% 2002 101⅝ .. 9.9 9.597
115⅝ 108⅝ Treas 12% 1998-.. 112⅝ .. 9.8 9.844
105⅝ 97⅛ Treas 9¾% 2002 101 .. 9.6 9.597

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

109 100⅝ Treas 10% 2003 103⅝ .. 9.6 9.697
131⅛ 122⅛ Treas 13¾% 2000-.. 128⅝ .. 10.7 9.979
117⅛ 108⅝ Treas 11¾% 2001 112 .. 10.2 9.782
109 100⅝ Treas 10% 2004 104⅝ .. 9.6 9.635
56⅝ 54⅝ Fund 3½% 1980- 56⅝ .. 6.2 6.173
104⅛ 99⅝ Conv 9¾% 2004 101⅛ .. 9.6 9.543
104⅛ 99⅝ Conv 9¾% 2005 101⅛ .. 9.6 9.550
113⅜ 105⅝ Exch 10¾% 2005 110 .. 9.8 9.514
127⅝ 116⅜ Treas 12¾% 2000-.. 122 .. 10.1 9.837
92 85⅝ Treas 8% 2003 .. 88⅝ .. 9.0 9.222
105⅞ 99⅝ Conv 9¾% 2006 104⅛ .. 9.5 9.236
121⅛ 112⅝ Treas 11¾% 2003 116⅝ .. 10.1 9.870
97 89⅝ Treas 9¼% 2007 94 .. 9.8 9.868
137⅛ 127⅝ Treas 13¼% 2004 132 .. 10.2 9.868
101⅜ 91⅛ Treas 9% 2008 96⅝ .. 9.3 9.369
93⅝ 85 Treas 8% 2008 90⅝ .. 8.8 9.369
101⅜ 92⅝ Treas 9% 2011 97⅛ .. 9.3 9.369
98⅝ 89⅝ Treas 8¾% 2008-12 94⅝ .. 9.3 9.369
93⅝ 85⅝ Treas 8¾% 2012-15 89⅝ .. 9.3 9.369
131⅜ 121⅛ Exch 12¾% 2013-17 126⅝ .. 9.8 9.888

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44⅛ 41 Consols 4% 44⅛ .. 9.0 ..
40⅝ 37⅝ War Ln 3½% 39⅝ .. 8.7 ..
62⅝ 48⅝ Conv 3½% 61⅝ .. 5.7 ..
33⅝ 30⅝ Treas 3% 32⅝ .. 9.2 ..
28⅜ 25⅝ Consols 2½% 27⅝ .. 9.0 ..
28⅜ 25⅝ Treas 2½% 27⅝ .. 9.0 ..

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124⅝ 117⅞ Treas IL 2% 1990 123⅝ .. -% ..
112⅝ 98⅝ Treas IL 2% 1992 105⅝ .. -% ..
99⅝ 93⅝ Treas IL 2% 1996 95⅝ .. -% ..
149 127⅜ Treas IL 2½% 2001 141⅜ .. -% ..
121⅜ 103⅝ Treas IL 2½% 2003 120⅜ .. -% ..
113⅝ 101⅞ Treas IL 2½% 2006 112⅝ .. -% ..
129⅝ 110 Treas IL 2% 2006 128⅜ .. -% ..
113⅜ 99⅝ Treas IL 2½% 2008 112⅝ .. -% ..
110⅝ 98⅝ Treas IL 2½% 2011 109⅝ .. -% ..
97⅜ 85⅝ Treas IL 2½% 2013 97⅜ .. -% ..
105⅞ 96⅝ Treas IL 2½% 2016 105⅝ .. -% ..
103⅝ 97⅛ Treas IL 2½% 2020 103⅝ .. -% ..
97⅜ 79 Treas IL 2½% 2024 97⅜ .. -% ..

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High Low Company | Price Bid Offer | Change | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E

213	168	Allied Irish	208	208	-1	..	..	..	..
214	155	Anglo Leasing	208	212	..	5.3	2.5	20.6	..
252	204	Associates (Ulster)	251	254	..	10.0	3.9	9.5	..
258	174	Aus New Z	252	254	..	..	..	..	..
10⅞	5½	Bankamerica	10½	10⅝	+⅛	..	..	..	..
274	184	Bank of Ireland	268	270	..	16.0	5.9	11.5	..
19⅝	16	Bank of Scotland (aa)	19⅜	19½	..	1.1	5.6	8.1	..
388	344	Bank of Wales	380	390	..	17.5	4.5	8.1	..
3⅝	2⅝	Bk of Ireland	3⅝	3⅝	..	..	..	..	..
6⅝	4⅝	Bk of Scotland	6⅝	6⅝	..	..	..	..	..
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ELECTRICALS

474	340	AB Elec	465	465	-12	28.0	4.6	18.2	
111	70	Alfd Inst	110	112	..	3.6	3.2	22.5	
173	87	Admiral Comp	162	164	..	5.6	3.4	12.1	
145	97	Alfa	138	140	..	4.4	3.1	11.7	
224	115	Alphameric	220	222	..	6.0	2.7	11.5	
231	113	Amstrad (aa)	230	231	..	5.7	2.5	11.4	
118	77	Anglo Computers	116	118	..	4.0	3.4	11.7	
170	105	Arlec	168	170	..	4.0	2.4	17.7	
144	77	Audio Fidelity	141	144	..	3.1	2.2	17.7	
188	118	Audio Sec	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
31	17	Bacon Gp	31	31	..	1.0	3.2	11.7	
118	77	Barnett & Foulds	118	118	..	4.0	3.4	11.7	
188	118	Bell (R)	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'A'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'B'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'C'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'D'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'E'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'F'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'G'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'H'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'I'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'J'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'K'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'L'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'M'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'N'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'O'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'P'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'Q'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'R'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'S'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'T'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'U'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'V'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'W'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'X'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'Y'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	
188	118	Bell (R) 'Z'	188	188	..	4.0	2.1	17.7	

DRAPERY, STORES

403	337	Alexon	345	345	-1	10.7	3.1	10.9	
92	75	Amber Day	92	92	..	..	..	..	..
111	111	Ashdown 'A'	111	111	..	3.1	2.8	10.5	
173	118	Austin (Louis)	173	173	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
171	118	Austin (Reed)	171	171	..	5.1	3.0	11.5	
171	118	Austin (James) 'A'	171	171	..	5.1	3.0	11.5	
24½	18	Blacks Lei	18	18	..	..	..	..	..
236	188	Body Shop	236	236	..	2.4	0.4	63.4	
91	61	Bonmarche	91	91	..	2.4	2.6	11.4	
175	118	Brown & Jackson	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (H)	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (N)	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (S)	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (T)	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W)	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'A'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'B'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'C'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'D'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'E'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'F'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'G'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'H'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'I'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'J'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'K'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'L'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'M'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'N'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'O'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5	
175	118	Brown (W) 'P'	175	175	..	5.1	2.9	11.5

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lindiine)

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	114.4	121.4	+0.2	8.24
Hi Inc Equity	122.5	130.3e	+0.5	4.57
Worldwide Bd	188.5	195.8e	-0.3	4.85
American Gth	143.9	154.2	+1.6	1.23
Asian Pacific	95.69	71.30	+0.10	1.51
Assets & Earns	145.6	154.5e	+0.2	1.18
Capital Res	82.97	82.20	-0.03	3.65
Comm Energy	67.7	93.8	+0.3	5.13
Euro Capital	74.03	79.15	-0.31	0.95
General	158.3	169.4	+0.9	2.68
Japan	88.89	95.00	-0.29	0.00
UK Gth Inc	124.9	131.9e	-0.4	1.77
Do Acc	184.9	195.6e	-1.6	1.19
US Emerg Co	41.45	44.09	-0.23	0.00
Income Gth	253.7	260.5e	+0.5	3.39
Master Acc	71.59	76.57	-0.13	2.10
American Inc	43.45	46.22	-0.09	2.66
Ethical Tst	44.19	47.01	+0.10	2.66

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633070
Salisbury House, 29, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DD Tel: 01-374 6801 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580

American	39.31	41.82	-0.79	2.16
Australasian	23.43	24.93	+0.05	1.39
Euro Tst	47.65	50.52	-0.15	1.00
Extra Inc	36.96	41.35	--	5.31
Fund Invest	100.7	107.0e	--	1.00
Do Acc	152.6	162.2e	--	1.00
Gy/Fxd Interest	22.69	24.14	-0.09	9.90
Global Income	35.21	37.46e	+0.15	5.15
Income Growth	66.02	70.24	-0.24	4.29
Japan Gen	160.5	170.8	-0.7	0.01
N Amer Inc	25.38	26.24e	--	3.96
Special Sits	63.89	67.97e	+0.13	1.29
UK Growth	32.09	34.03e	--	3.52
World Gth	39.32	41.74e	--	0.54

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, The Stoke Newington Road London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-437 6494

Euro Gth Acc	113.3	121.7	+0.1	1.00
Exempt	408.1	429.1e	+2.2	4.49
Far Eastern	214.2	229.7	+0.4	0.00
Fin & Prop	79.63	84.35	-0.01	2.51
Hi Yield	51.82	86.45e	+0.54	4.43
Income & Gth	326.9	346.3	+2.0	4.15
Intl Earnings	185.4	196.4e	+1.4	1.96
Int Gth Inc	82.91	88.30	+0.34	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	153.9	164.4	+0.4	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	113.3	121.6	+0.7	2.50
Pacific Basin	112.8	136.5e	-0.1	0.51
Smr Co Dlr Inc	98.44	104.2	+0.14	4.22
Smr Co Gth	304.3	322.4	+0.6	1.49
Spec Sits Inc	130.7	138.4e	+0.5	1.51
UK Growth	379.9	402.4	+0.9	3.39

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 514514 dealing: 0793 616366

High Income	294.1	313.2	--	4.57
Equity Inc	170.9	182.6	--	4.64
High Yield	172.3	183.4e	--	5.43
Balanced	414.7	441.5	--	3.22
Amer Inc	27.9	29.7	--	4.41
World Ass Val	28.40	30.24	--	0.86
Japan	141.0	150.1	--	0.01
Prop of Amer	172.2	183.4e	--	0.00
Asset Value	332.3	353.8	--	3.37
O'seas Earn	214.6	228.5	--	2.06
Recovery	99.32	105.8e	--	2.50
UK Growth Sits	269.0	278.9	--	3.28
Smr Co	166.7	177.5	--	1.99
Capital	246.3	262.3e	--	2.88
Amer Spec Sit	61.62	65.62e	--	0.00
International	91.77	97.08	--	1.07
Growth & Inc	149.2	158.8e	--	3.70
Euro Gth	19.82	20.04	--	1.25
Pacific	216.7	230.7	--	0.00
2nd Smr Co	182.6	194.3	--	2.12

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

Capital	80.11	85.45	--	3.26
Euro Gth Inc	66.62	71.27	--	1.07
Extra Income	95.16	101.54	--	4.04
General	184.3	179.7e	--	3.33
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.92	55.59e	--	9.33
Income Tst	409.5	435.6	--	3.96

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4DQ Tel: 01-658 3000

American EVS	56.90	60.38e	-0.80	1.40
Australian	66.53	71.57e	-0.18	0.00
Eastern	76.28	82.26	-0.49	1.10
Equity Inc	69.45	72.53e	+0.36	5.30
Europe	125.5	134.4	+0.5	0.20
Exempt Tst	57.43	58.51	--	3.97
Growth & Inc	75.16	80.61	+0.33	2.70
Do Acc	120.2	127.6	+0.5	2.70
Global Gth	50.47	54.16e	-0.49	0.00
Japan Spec	145.7	156.5	-0.2	0.00
Japan Sm	134.1	143.1	+0.3	0.00
First Europe	118.5	125.6	--	1.20
First Japan	103.5	110.4e	--	0.60
First N Amer	44.12	46.92	--	1.40
First Smr Co	91.7	97.3e	--	1.40
N Amer Spec	40.49	42.97	-0.48	0.60
UK Growth	57.36	61.04	+0.19	4.63
Select Man Fd	17.00	49.87	--	2.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
Q-13, Pennywell Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

Financial	149.4	159.4	--	3.94
Smlr Co Acc	338.2	367.3e	-1.2	0.90
Fd Inc	91.7	97.6e	-0.8	1.29
High Income	77.48	82.85	+0.15	5.70
Income	93.23	99.75e	+0.05	5.34
Man Portfl Inc	87.0	92.5	+0.1	2.84
Do Acc	147.8	157.2	+0.2	2.50
Nth American	46.10	49.21	-0.76	0.35
Orient	99.1	106.0e	-0.2	0.28
Exempt	268.9	284.7e	--	2.78
Recovery	64.53	69.04e	+0.01	4.49
German	24.04	25.63e	-0.18	1.51
Int Recov	29.13	26.83e	-0.09	0.90
Europe	16.67	17.80e	-0.10	3.80
Conv General	23.51	25.16	-0.35	6.89

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
Tel: 01-588 2868 or 283 2948

Exmr Gth Inc	61.48	65.33	+0.01	1.65
Exmr Gth Fd Ac	61.94	65.72	+0.01	1.65
Fellowship Inc	58.76	62.14e	-0.21	1.54
General Inc 4	268.1	283.5	+1.4	2.70
Do Acc 4	448.2	469.4	+2.3	2.70
Income Fd 3	143.8	152.6e	+0.6	4.00
Do Acc 3	274.6	291.5	+1.5	4.00
Int Income 2	104.5	110.6	-0.1	1.69
Do Acc 2	141.8	150.3	-0.1	1.69
Smlr Inc 5	101.5	107.7	-0.1	1.31
Do Acc	110.3	117.0	-0.1	1.31

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL
Tel: 01-480 7216
Sht Gt Fxd Int 52.13 52.83 .. 1.38

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
Tel: 01-902 8876
Growth 34.42 35.62e +0.05 2.80
Income 44.12 45.94e +0.19 4.43
Far East 27.66 28.43e +0.28 0.21
Nth American 25.95 27.72e -0.33 0.75
Global 42.53 45.24 -0.30 0.76
European 42.71 46.44 -0.35 1.26
Japan 84.44 89.83e -0.61 0.00
Strategic Opp 50.80 54.05 +0.16 1.39
Do Acc 48.48 48.39e +0.22 3.18
Int Currency 43.91 46.09e -0.22 6.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 562 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-623 8000 01-928 6363

Capital	611.1	638.7e	--	3.09
European S S	52.21	53.83	--	2.92
Far East S S	50.36	53.74	--	0.57
Gold Gen S S	54.58	58.24	--	0.88
Income	350.9	374.4e	--	5.16
Ind Sp Sits	48.99	52.25	--	1.56
Nth Amer	237.7	253.6	--	2.25

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN
Tel: 01-606 0700
Portfolio 47.83 51.16 -0.26 3.50

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

Investment	461.1	--		4.81
Fixed Int	145.1	--		9.88
Deposit	100.0	--		11.40

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

Income	438.74	e	--	5.29
Units	5133.9151			
Deposit	100.0		--	11.90

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Westgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622

Man Income	23.03	24.37e	--	
SC Special Sits	67.84	71.58	--	0.39

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393

Amer Gth	18.91	20.12	--	0.57
Assets Gth	21.86	23.26	+0.12	0.81
Dragon Gth	23.97	25.50	+0.20	1.89
Equity Hi Inc	57.78	60.98	+0.43	5.24
Do Acc	59.23	62.51	+0.43	5.24
European Gth	25.83	27.49	+0.19	1.43
Gen Equity	49.52	51.21	+0.38	3.29
G/F Invst Gth	33.56	35.23	+0.02	7.32
Gth & Fixed Int	24.91	25.84e	+0.03	8.77
Ind Income Tst	20.06	23.47e	+0.12	5.65
Japan Gth	48.49	49.46	+0.18	0.00
Japan Spec	29.20	31.09	+0.20	2.59
Special Sits	36.11	38.42	+0.09	2.11

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-626 8816

UK & Gen Inc	94.15	97.62	+0.31	2.32
Do Acc	96.45	99.92	+0.43	2.32
Income Inc	55.46	58.94	+0.48	3.32
Do Acc	58.51	62.24	+0.51	3.32
Worldwide Inc	43.91	46.64	-0.07	0.34
Do Acc	44.29	47.30	-0.08	0.34
Gamma Inc	39.32	38.04	+0.15	0.87
Do Acc	39.48	38.81	+0.14	0.87
Amer Gth	64.48	68.50	+0.29	0.55
Euro Gth	58.48	62.19e	-0.21	0.58
Far East	63.05	67.07	-0.17	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.66	49.38	-0.11	8.07
World Bond	48.10	50.64	-0.07	5.28
Private Inv Pt	47.71	50.64e	-0.05	2.89
Profess Inv Pt	50.07	53.19e	-0.02	0.97
Progrss Inv Pt	50.07	53.19e	-0.02	0.97

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033

Amer Tst	192.4	109.0	-1.9	0.78
Canadian Gth	19.17	20.45e	-0.90	1.09
Commercial Tst	100.2	106.5	-1.1	0.95
Growth Tst	264.1	281.0	-0.4	2.72
High Income	324.7	345.1e	-0.8	4.98
Intl Tech Tst	104.0	110.7	-0.4	0.72
Investment	26.65	28.98	-0.04	0.69
Japanese Tst	220.6	245.4	-1.9	0.00
Man Inv	29.06	30.91	+0.60	2.43

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9SL Tel: 0737-242424

European Gth	58.45	59.99e	+0.15	1.37
Euro Spec Sits	42.27	44.27	-0.04	1.35
International	46.75	49.41	-0.13	7.18
N Amer Gth	41.34	43.94	-0.57	2.92
Pacific Gth	54.69	57.69e	+0.54	0.72
Smlr Co Gth	57.68	60.84	+0.26	3.21
Do Dist	55.30	70.02	+0.24	3.21
UK Income	57.33	61.35	+0.03	4.72

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 626526

American Fd	56.66	59.46e	-0.62	1.88
Capital Fd	132.1	140.4	+0.8	1.42
Convertible	24.37	25.88	--	7.44
Eurofund	24.94	26.45	-0.05	1.13
Growth & Inc	185.7	196.4	+1.0	4.16
High Dist Fd	152.5	159.9e	+0.5	7.10
Internazionl	210.4	223.6	+0.3	1.01
Pacific Fd	23.95	25.44e	+0.16	0.00
Resources Fd	21.22	22.55	-0.04	0.00
Smlr Cap Co	38.73	41.16	-0.55	0.01
Tokyo Fd	189.7	201.2	+0.7	0.00
Ex Amer 2	111.8	114.9e	-4.5	1.98
Ex Japan 3	120.7	124.0	--	0.17
Ex Pacific 4	263.1	262.6	--	0.00
Ex Smlr Jap 4	227.8	234.1e	--	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG Tel: 0242 221311

UK Balanc Inc	80.77	85.70	+0.53	2.84
Do Acc	85.10	90.29	+0.56	2.70
UK Gth Acc	121.3	128.7	+0.5	2.14
UK High Inc	92.04	97.66e	+0.62	4.49
N Amer Acc	61.43	65.52	-0.79	1.87
Far East Acc	154.8	126.5	-0.55	0.01
European Acc	76.35	81.44	+0.04	1.27
UK Gt/Fi Inc	57.26	60.19	+0.01	8.64
Int Inc Fd	66.48	69.89	+0.01	7.44
Int Spec Sits	38.70	41.28	-0.20	1.83

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford Tel: 01-911 3818 Telex 896950
Endurance 118.6 128.3e .. 1.96

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431488

Equit Pelican	93.39	99.35e	+0.36	3.93
High Income	97.19	103.4e	-2.67	5.13
Gy/Fxd Interest	52.04	55.37	-0.23	7.59
Tst Of Inv Sys	90.29	96.05	+0.97	2.19
Spec Sits Tst	101.9	108.4	+0.34	2.91
Nth Amer Tst	56.53	60.14	-0.87	1.33
Far East Tst	117.4	124.9	-0.61	0.32
Intl Gth	57.97	61.68	-0.23	1.78
European Tst	43.62	46.41	-0.01	1.59

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 2GP Tel: 0203 553231

UK Gth Acc	175.7	186.9e	--	3.68
Do Inc	143.9	153.1e	--	3.68
Hymer Inc Acc	333.4	354.7e	--	4.86
Do Inc	248.4	262.2e	--	4.86
Gilts & Fxd Acc	114.3	120.1	--	8.91
Do Inc	82.17	86.37	--	8.91
N Amer Acc	108.7	115.7e	--	0.25
Far East Acc	200.7	212.9e	--	0.05
Euro Tst Acc	145.0	154.3e	--	0.00
Gen Tst	252.5	268.7e	--	3.99
Inc Exempt	93.63	42.19e	--	6.25
Sr Assets Inc	49.63	52.19e	--	6.25
Do Acc	50.80	53.83e	--	6.25

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

US Smlr Co	65.09	69.62e	--	0.01
UK Inc Fd	91.74	96.12	--	4.44
Far East Fd	95.48	91.42	--	4.57
Overseas Inc	60.84	65.07	--	4.57
Fxd Interest	54.08	57.28	--	9.74
Natural Res Fd	56.22	60.13	--	2.01
European Inc	65.69	70.24	-0.05	2.00
Financials Fd	48.48	51.71	--	2.38
Intl Tech Fd	94.6	101.1	--	0.78
UK Gth	67.98	71.25	--	2.23
US Major	44.51	47.47e	--	0.78

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

Balan Gth Acc	67.80	72.13e	-0.04	1.25
Do Inc	65.63	69.82e	-0.05	3.24
Hi Yield Acc	29.87	31.78e	+0.05	5.70
Do Inc	27.43	29.18e	+0.04	5.70
Inc Gth Acc	54.89	62.57	+2.03	3.50
Do Inc	49.48	51.42	+0.03	3.50
Earn Gro Acc	69.24	73.76e	-0.10	1.00
Do Inc	67.38	71.69e	-0.10	1.00
Amer Gth Acc	22.84	24.73	-0.23	0.50
Do Inc	22.84	24.48	-0.23	0.50
Euro Gth Acc	17.19	18.29	+0.09	0.20
Do Inc	17.00	18.09	+0.08	0.20

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

American	102.4	108.5e	--	0.64
Amer Exny Inc	25.80	28.45e	--	5.57
Amer Spec Sit	51.22	54.22	--	0.68
Australia	26.55	28.23e	--	1.72
European	93.05	98.39	--	
European Inc	23.63	25.07	--	4.07
Global Conv	21.32	23.01	--	5.58
Far East Inc	39.25	41.77e	--	3.45
Gt/Fxd Interest	39.25	25.19	--	9.29
Growth & Inc	119.0	127.6	--	4.48
Japan Spec Sit	70.50	74.96	--	
Japan	156.5	165.3	--	
Managed Int	134.2	132.2	--	0.36
Inc Plus	17.94	19.07	--	5.17
Famous Name	41.78	44.79	--	1.66
SE Asia	40.03	43.55	--	0.76
Spec Sit	27.22	29.22	--	0.00
Eastern Opps	22.28	23.71	--	0.00
Intl Bond	24.53	26.09e	--	7.29
Recovery	28.50	30.88	--	2.35
Moneybuilder	28.10	27.91	--	
Euro Ops 1992	--	--	--	

FRANLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181

Amer Turn Inc	166.8	176.2	-2.5	--
Do Acc	170.2	180.1	-2.6	--
Amer Turn Inc	197.4	208.8	-3.0	--
Do Acc	201.5	213.1	-3.0	--
Capital Inc	264.5	280.2e	+0.1	2.17
Do Acc	331.8	351.1e	+0.1	2.17
Conv/Gth Inc	106.0	112.1	+0.3	6.18
Do Acc	151.5	160.2	+0.4	6.18
European Inc	92.48	98.11	+0.27	2.78
Do Acc	93.00	98.66	+0.27	2.78
Extra Inc Inc	24.27	25.68	+0.5	4.96
Do Acc	27.89	29.51	+0.6	4.96
Financial Acc	45.15	47.77e	-0.35	0.57
Do Inc	44.74	47.34e	-0.35	0.57
Income Tst	161.0	176.7e	+0.7	4.26
Do Acc	188.8	197.9e	+0.7	4.26
Intl Growth Fd	134.4	142.3e	-0.8	--
Do Acc	148.3	157.9e	-1.8	--
Japan/Gen Inc	117.5	124.3	-0.6	--
Do Acc	118.8	125.3	-0.6	--
Monthly Inc Fd	127.2	134.5e	+0.4	4.67
PEP 87	60.95	c		3.48
PEP 88	55.02	58.22	-0.07	2.78
Recovery	183.0	193.6	-0.6	1.78
Smaller Inc	100.2	106.0	-0.3	2.65
Do Acc	80.36	83.67	-0.09	2.65

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411822

Equity Dist	235.7	249.9e	+0.22	2.81
Do Acc	316.0	335.0e	+0.29	2.81
Euro Gth Dist	59.0	62.5	-0.11	1.56
Do Acc	59.75	63.40	-0.10	1.56
Fxd Interest Di	113.1	119.9e	-0.03	7.59
Do Acc	132.9	140.8e	-0.04	7.59
Int. Gth Dist	54.48	57.89	-0.13	0.56
Do Acc	54.81	58.15	-0.13	0.56
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Chance to build a career on the back of the boom

Engineers are in great demand. Peter McAinsh, right, explains the reasons



A seminar was recently held in Aberdeen by the Engineering Construction Industry (ECI) sector of the Engineering Industry Training Board (EITB). It was one of a range of initiatives in which we are engaged, all of which are intended to help solve the problem of the anticipated skill shortages in the Engineering construction industry in the 1990s.

It is generally agreed that these problems need to be addressed now because, although precise manpower figures are notoriously difficult to establish, the projected upturn in engineering construction activities makes it certain that there will be an urgent need to attract more skilled people into the industry.

The engineering industry, and engineering construction in particular, are vital to the creation of wealth in Britain.

There are already a number of multi-million pound capital projects which will require engineering skills of the highest level – the Channel Tunnel, London Docks developments, the Sizewell 'B' power station, the St Fergus petrochemical plant and the future developments associated with North Sea oil and gas, both on-shore and off-shore.

To these will be added the effects of European harmonization in 1992.

The EITB's ECI sector is already examining a number of avenues to help alleviate these anticipated skill shortages and to encourage the early recruitment and training of extra people needed in the industry. These centre on three possible sources of supply:

- an increase in the number of new entrants through an expansion in the apprenticeship and improved training programmes;
- the possible fuller use of people already employed in the industry;
- alternative sources of skills from outside the industry. These people may have previously worked in the industry and become unemployed or made redundant from other industries.

The EITB will be developing a predictive model to determine future manpower and skill requirements associated with engineering construction projects. In parallel, board staff will be developing the resource material needed to identify individual training needs and training plans.

As a first step towards the development of an agreed action plan, we have been examining a number of possible avenues for the expansion of apprentice training. Some of the options include considering whether more money might increase the recruitment of National Apprenticeship Scheme for Engineering Construction (NASEC) apprentices into the industry from 130 to 200 per year: or how a new category of company-funded apprenticeship might be introduced; alternatively, funding/sponsorship may be sought from the capital project clients for more apprentices to be trained via the NASEC scheme.

Other options are being analysed , including better use of present manpower resources and seeking skilled people from outside the industry, but the EITB believes the development of adult training and re-training must be the short-term policy.

There is a further area of priority which has been largely ignored, and yet is vital if longer-term skill shortage is to be tackled effectively – the poor image the industry has in society generally, and among young people in particular. This was the main topic of the Aberdeen seminar and it remains a root cause of existing and expected shortages of skilled engineers.

Industry now acknowledges this poor image is vital in influencing young people's career choice. The long-term nature of the industry provides stability for young people – up to and including the graduate who enjoys a technological challenge – who will find a wide variety of project opportunities. Yet, it appears those who advise young people on career choice do not always give the same emphasis to engineering as they give to the other professions such as law, medicine and accountancy. Interestingly – but not surprisingly – we are not alone with this problem.

As Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, recently found out during his tour of Soviet education and research institutions, the ratio of applicants to places at the Leningrad Polytechnic Institute (which specializes in engineering and science) has fallen from 2:1 to 6:1 in the 1970s.

This trend emerged in the Soviet Union about five years ago, and the country's deputy education minister has blamed the dwindling interest in technical subjects on the increasingly negative image of industry among young people.

A problem shared is not, in this case, a problem halved. Unless the image is improved in Britain, all other efforts at recruiting and developing skilled engineers may be jeopardized, and the industry may not be able to grow. One example of the problems to be overcome is the possible need for young people to leave their homes if their work involves them in major capital projects.

This can prove a barrier when considering careers in the engineering construction industry, and, without the support of careers advisers, such barriers soon become insurmountable.

The Aberdeen seminar, "Links Between the Education Service and the Mechanical and Electrical Construction Industry" highlighted a number of such areas. One of the issues covered was the apparent lack of opportunity and encouragement for girls to pursue the physical sciences at school, hindering them from considering a career in engineering. A cultural change may be required here by all who advise young people if the action plans devised by the EITB are to have a chance of real success.

The seminar was attended by senior managers in the engineering construction industry, careers advisers, guidance teachers from both public and private schools, representatives from further and higher education, the Engineering Council, and other relevant organizations. It should prove a firm step in strengthening links between the education service and the engineering construction industry, to ensure that the industry's requirements are better understood.

It has already provided an invaluable forum to discuss and agree on a strategy. More importantly, it has led to practical action – delegates agreed that the principle of engineering contracting companies establishing formal links with local schools should be encouraged.

They agreed to the concept of setting up a programme of short secondments of teachers and career officers to local companies, and also agreed to establish a system for senior pupils to work in local companies. An industry-led working group has now been set up to follow up the seminar and to plan a co-ordinated implementation programme.

If we are really going to tackle the problem of skill shortages – not just now but into the next century – we should put a major priority sticker on the areas of apprenticeship and adult training.

We should also tackle the root cause – the image that the industry has with schools, careers teachers and officers, and their understanding of industry's needs and the real career opportunities and challenges which are open to young people of all ability ranges.

The author is an employer-member of the reconstituted Engineering Training Board and newly appointed chairman of ECIS, the Engineering Construction Industry Sector

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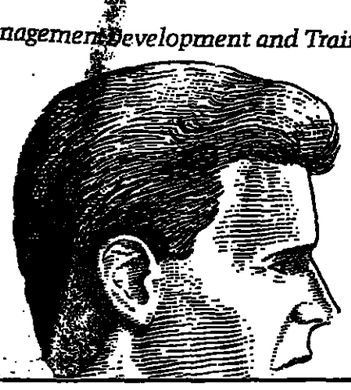
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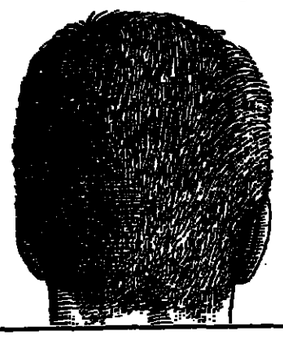
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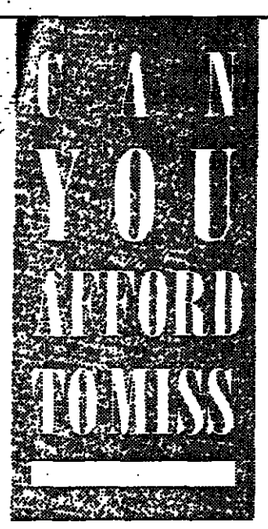
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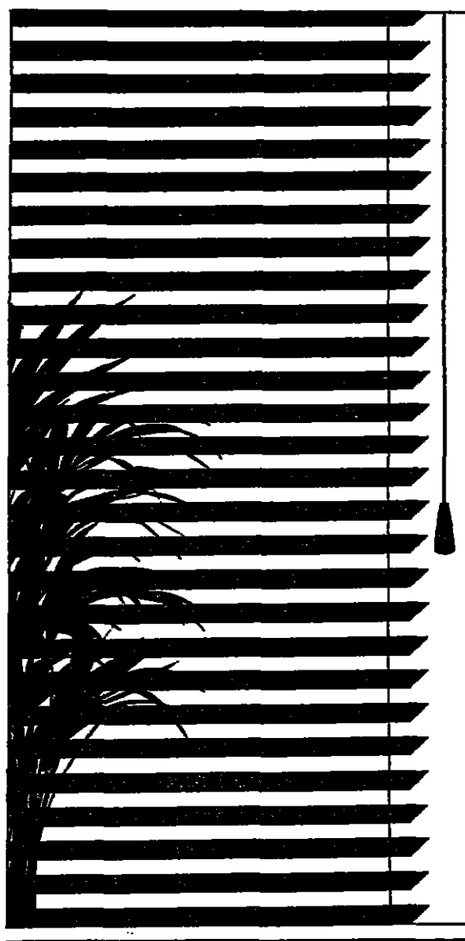
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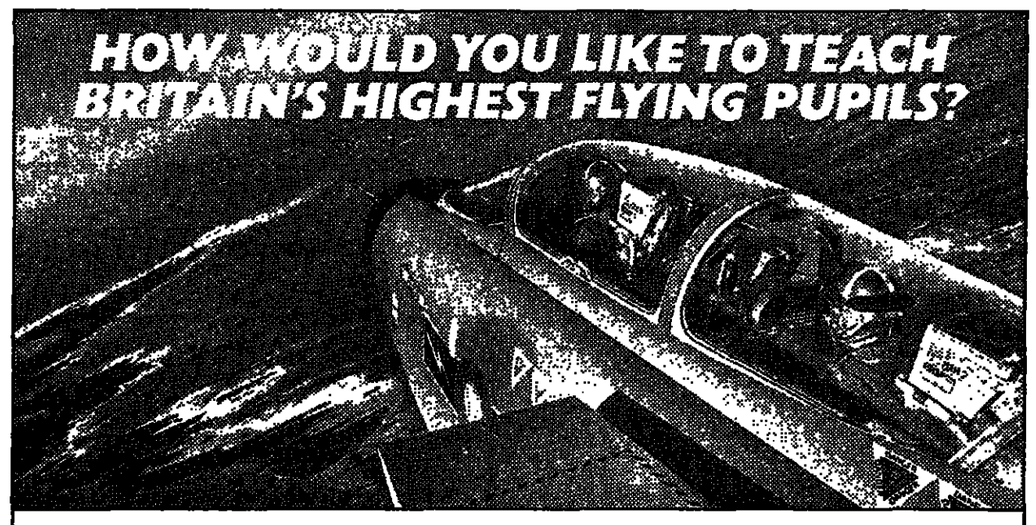
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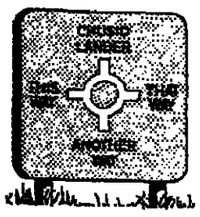
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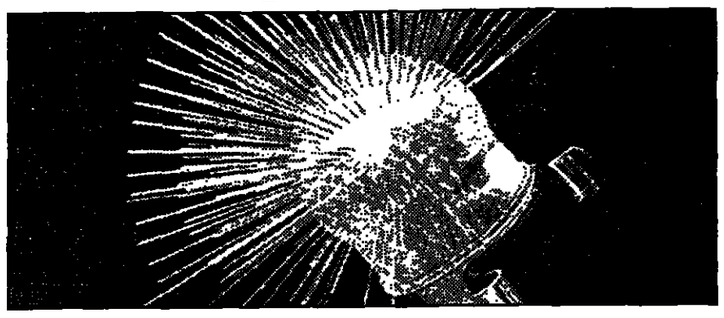
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Counting the blessings after Big Bang

Michel Syrett looks at how drastic changes in the City have affected the prospect for jobs

The City has undergone dramatic change in the past five years, caused by Big Bang, the October crash last year and the impending decline in the number of school leavers. No single factor of the economy has experienced such a shake-up and the result is employment policies which place a far greater emphasis on planning ahead and effectiveness in company training.

At a time when professional and financial firms are recruiting their annual intake of college entrants how has this affected job prospects for graduates and school leavers? A survey of more than 500 City firms published in the autumn by the London Human Resources Development Group provides some of the likely answers.

The report, conducted by the Institute of Manpower Studies, reveals that the City created 51,000 new jobs between 1984 and 1987, of which 30,000 were poached from other industries. It goes on to predict that City firms have the potential to create a further 37,000 new jobs up to 1992, in addition to replacing 40,000 existing jobs each year.

This job growth is dependent on firms planning their employment policies effectively and is likely to be unevenly spread across the main industries that make up the City's labour market. Broadly, these industries can be defined as: banking, other credit-granting institutions, securities, insurance, accountancy and management consultancy and software services.

At the one extreme, securities dealing is expected to have almost no growth at all. Of all the City-based industries, securities was most badly hit by the October crash. The report predicts that up to 3,000 jobs will be lost as a result – 1,500 losses having already occurred. Other industries likely to see a slow down in the next five years are "hardcore financial services offered by banks, insurance companies and other credit-granting institutions. This decline in growth will not be so dramatic and firms will continue to offer good openings to graduates with the right qualifications and personal skills."

At the other extreme, accountancy and management consultancy firms are expected to create up to 11,000 new jobs, buoyed by a significant increase in demands for their services.

From the new graduates' point of view, the main areas of opportunity are likely to occur in accountancy throughout the 1980s. Large international firms such as Peat Marwick, Coopers & Lybrand, Ernst & Whinney and Price Waterhouse have collectively recruited 10 per cent of all first degree graduates leaving college each year. This will probably continue. Opportunities for new graduates in management consultancies are also growing. Both Deloittes and PE-International, for example, recruit small numbers of new degree holders in specialist areas such as market research, business analysis and business modelling. Arthur Andersen, by contrast, recruits the majority of its consultants straight from university. This year its consultancy practice is looking for up to 200 graduates.

Legal firms are not specifically mentioned by the IMS survey but are growing recruiters of new graduates. "All City law firms are being swamped by the demand for expert advice in areas connected with takeovers, mergers, commercial property development and entry into international markets", John Woodrow, personnel partner at Norton Rose Bonerel & Roche, commented recently. "There simply aren't enough good law graduates to meet this upsurge".

His comments were confirmed by a recent Law Society report predicting that, unless more law graduates are attracted to the profession, the range of legal services may have to be cut back because solicitors, limited by the lack of qualified staff, will provide only the more lucrative services.

The boom in demand for good graduates in the City is likely to benefit Polytechnic graduates as well as degree holders from the universities. With traditional sources of talent diminishing or drying up, the IMS report predicts that City firms will also need to re-examine their entry requirements and recruitment practices.

"Many of the straightjackets that narrow down the candidates at our disposal are self-imposed", says Sidney Smith of the first National Bank of Chicago. "It is all too easy to impose strict qualification requirements when your supply of labour is plentiful, but when the pool of recruits starts drying up, you start to question whether these are really necessary for the job.

"We need to be more imaginative and less lazy about where we look for our future talent", she continues, "by considering less traditional higher education institutes such as polytechnics and other establishments offering business-related degrees."

Her remarks were also confirmed, this time by a report published last month by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services, which shows that more polytechnic graduates are moving straight into employment on leaving college and that greater numbers were entering the financial sector.

What about school leavers? The IMS report predicts that industries in all City sectors will be recruiting more school leavers with A-levels and diploma holders, for similar reasons cited by Sidney Smith.

However, City firms are predicted to recruit less unqualified school leavers, school leavers with O-levels and YTS trainees. The decline in the use of YTS trainees is particularly surprising because their limited deployment by a selected number of firms has been very successful, revealing great potential among non-GCSE youngsters.

"I find the lack of interest in YTS rather distressing", says Rhiannon Chapman, director (personnel) at London's International Stock Exchange and chairman of the London Human Resources Development Group. "There has been a tremendous opportunity for YTS schemes to flourish and the few good ones that exist have had very favourable results.

■ The IMS city study, Create or Abdicate, the City's Human Resource Choice for the 90s, by Amin Rajan with Julie Fryatt (Witherby & Co. Ltd, £25) – main findings:

- **51,000 new jobs created in the City between 1984 and 1987; 37,000 new jobs possible in the next five years, provided City firms manage their recruitment and training effectively.**
- **City firms will employ more: Women; school leavers with A-levels; diploma holders; graduates; post-graduates.**
- **City firms will employ fewer: men; part-time and temporary staff; YTS trainees; unqualified school leavers; school leavers with O-levels;**

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Rhiannon Chapman: "Lack of interest in YTS is so distressing"

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AND
DEREK BROUGH (Defendant).
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ROY BREDMAN APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY 5TH FLOOR SCHREINER CHAMBERS PRITCHARD STREET JOHANNESBURG REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TEL: 23.6795 REFERENCE : MR BREDMAN/JHM.

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No. 006776 of 1988
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Dated this 31st day of October 1988
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THE NATIONAL HEART AND LUNG INSTITUTE

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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Philippa Toomey

Caring enters a new phase

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Researchers at work: Dr Malcolm Green, the Dean, above; Professor Robert Anderson with some of his students examining hearts and Magdi Yacoub, professor of surgery

The Princess Royal today opens the new base for the Heart and Lung Institute

The building for the National Heart and Lung Institute, in *Dovehouse Street* Chelsea, is the former convent of St Wilfrid, refurbished and rebuilt by Watkins Grey International, situated just behind the Royal Marsden Hospital.

It now contains research laboratories, offices, incorporating a modern post-graduate centre for teaching medical, para-medical and can accommodate other students, allowing for an expansion of the programme.

A well-equipped lecture hall has been installed where the cloister used to be.

This move, which brings together on one site the former Institute of Cardiology and the Institute of Diseases of the Chest, is the result of years of planning.

It is the beginning of a much larger scheme which will bring two of the hospitals associated with the institute (the Brompton and the National Heart Hospital) into new buildings which will cover a large site stretching down to the King's Road.

"The plan to bring everyone together has been on the stocks for the last 20 years," says Professor Margaret Turner-Warwick, the former Dean, during whose term of four years much of the work was done. "We had got into this vicious circle of not being able to do the work we ought to be doing because we had nowhere to put the staff, if we were successful in grant applications.

"We went round and round in circles and we finally broke the circle by having a vote of confidence in enlarging the space and saying: 'now fill it'," she said.

The University of London bought the convent site freehold on condition that the institute would be responsible for refurbishing. The price was £3.2 million. "We went out to major charities, individuals and industry and achieved that sum — it was hard work," says Professor Turner-Warwick.

The work of the institute is concerned with the heart, the lungs, surgery, and the treatment of children with serious problems of heart and lungs. Subjects which are being studied include cystic fibrosis, asthma, the cause and treatment for malformed hearts, the treatment of congenital heart disease, new techniques in surgery, heart and lung transplants, the incidence of cot deaths, the uses of lasers in heart surgery and many others.

"Fifty per cent of all deaths can be attributed to diseases of the heart or lung," says Dr Malcolm Green, the present Dean, who is a staunch supporter of what will be, by the early 1990s, a massive heart and lung clinical, research and teaching organization on one large site, dispensing with the present Brompton Hospital (built in 1840) and its valuable site in the heart of Fulham, and the National Heart Hospital, in London's Westmoreland Street.

> It is immensely important that our research goes ahead

"Heart disease causes 60 million days taken off work during a year — lung diseases 50 million — and it is immensely important that our research goes ahead here. My impression is that people are immensely generous, and prepared to give to what they see is an appropriate cause. We now have to make our case much more rigorously, because people also want to know where their money is going, and that it is being spent on something important, and not going to be wasted."

The institute receives about 20 per cent of its funding for research from the University of London and central government sources.

The remaining 80 per cent is raised by the organization, by the clinicians, scientists and others from a variety of sources, such as the Medical Research Council, research trusts, and research charities, from industry, in particular, the pharmaceutical firms, and from a large number of individuals and organizations.

The institute is so closely associated with three specialist hospitals (the Brompton, the National Heart Hospital and the London Chest Hospital) that the problems of clinical practice come right into the heart of the research work.

As Professor Philip Poole-Wilson, Professor of Cardiology, puts it: "Historically there has been a tendency for ivory towers undertaking fundamental research to avoid any contact with practical clinical problems.

"At the institute, our philosophy is precisely the opposite of this."

Professor Turner-Warwick points out that there are so many specialists within a five mile radius that there is the opportunity of developing partnerships with particular people, and the post-graduates who are studying are not isolated, as they might be if they were based outside London.

She is the vice-president of the Royal College of Physicians, honorary fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, chairman of the Asthma Research Council.

Professor Turner-Warwick says that with the work of her colleagues — and she cites a few of them, such as Dr Stephen Spiro (lung cancer), Professor Peter Barnes (asthma), Dr Margaret Hodson (cystic fibrosis) and Dr Margaret Branthwaite (problems of respiration for polio sufferers, among others) — there is the possibility of building up the largest post-graduate research and development centre in the heart and lung specialities in Europe.

Still progressing, says the great surgeon

The British Heart Foundation made a grant of £500,000 in 1986 to enable the National Heart and Lung Institute to fund a Chair of Surgery, and Professor Magdi Yacoub was appointed to the post.

He is perhaps one of the best-known heart surgeons in the world (recently he replaced a heart valve for the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Papandreou), but he prefers to avoid the limelight. He manages a huge workload because, he says, he loves every minute of it.

Professor Yacoub's entry in *Who's Who* says briefly that he has developed innovations in heart and heart-lung transplants but he believes that for someone starting today, there is a tremendous future in cardiac surgery. "We are still on a steep slope, going up."

He decided on his career as a child. "It was a bit of a joke," he said. "I always wanted to be a heart surgeon and my father — a doctor and a surgeon — said: 'Don't be ridiculous' — but it just worked out that way.

"But I am also interested in prevention. You might ask why a heart surgeon should be interested in prevention — but I don't see it that way at all.

"We must search for the reduction of heart disease, which surgery does not cure, but merely buys time. We want to see that what we do will bring maximum benefit to the patient, and the population in general."

Biology, he says, is the answer most of the time; for example, in the use of new biological valves. And there is the challenge of complex congenital heart disease, the heart's repair and replacement and the associated problems of rejection.

The heart-and-lung transplant enables the diseased hearts and lungs to be studied in a way that has not, up until now, been available. "As surgeons, we must be asking ourselves: 'Could we have treated it or prevented it?' "

High technology should not be seen as competing for resources with prevention. The two both have to be applied intelligently and, though heart surgery has been developing at a very fast rate, he says that progress in recent years has been stimulated by more basic sciences, such as molecular biology, the improvement in materials, and more knowlege about how to treat babies.

"We are all concerned with disease as the enemy."



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THE NATIONAL HEART AND LUNG INSTITUTE

Serendipity is a research lab

A look at the scientists and doctors operating at the 'leading edge'

There are seven crowded shelves of hearts in jars in the ante room to Dr Robert Anderson's office. He joined the institute in 1974 and is the director, Department of Pediatrics, a collection of units conducting research into all aspects of disease of the heart and lungs in children.

"Serendipity" is how he describes his research, as, trained in anatomy, he became interested in the wiring system of the heart and went on to study congenital malformations, finding very few people in his field.

He says: "We need to understand the basic anatomy and structure of malformed hearts and, while we know how it is put together, and how it is congentially malformed, we also know that even after we repair hearts something can go wrong."

The cardiac muscle is an important field for research. In the past, work on how the normal heart develops was largely speculative; now they can collect normal hearts from abortions, which will give added insight into why hearts do not develop.

Statistics remain constant — "Eight in every 1,000 children have had congenital heart disease from time immemorial, but there must be some reason why they occur, even if they appear to occur by chance, although if a mother has one child with heart disease there is a greater risk for a second."

Though there are some clues, a series of triggers which may cause the condition, like alcohol, or drugs like thalidomide, a vast amount of research remains to be done.

One of his many colleagues is Dr David Southall, a former GP who for 10years has raised money from the Medical Research Council, the British Heart Foundation and others to support himself and his research into sudden infant death cot death), and now, having examined those at risk from the cardiac side, is monitoring a series of births in the Doncaster area to study the way babies get oxygen into their tissues.

Fortunately he has just succeed in establishing his own salary, and is building up a team for major research into this condition which causes such pain and distress.

Professor Philip Poole-Wilson, professor of Cardiology, says: "The majority of the people in the department are scientists, not doctors, although we have a lot of doctors who come through on projects involving the



Professor Philip Poole-Wilson, Professor of cardiology: a close association of scientists and doctors

techniques which the scientists are developing."

This close association of scientists and doctors is helped by geography — the institute and the hospital being next to one another. "The objective is to bring research as quickly as possible into the area of use by the people who have clinical problems," he says.

"Doctors and scientists come from different backgrounds, have different training, are paid differently, and have different expectations, but they are as one in their determination to solve these problems." He began with maths, physics and chemistry "but I fell in love with physiology and became a doctor. Knowledge of physics and maths is certainly an asset in cardiology."

There are five principal areas of research — control of hypertrophy of heart muscle, the study of abnormalities in cardiac muscle by using single heart cells isolated from both animal and human hearts, the mechanisms of contraction of smooth muscle, the use of electron microscopic techniques to demonstrate receptors on the surface of heart cells, and the study of the function of single ionic channels obtained from animal and human hearts. Or, why do hearts fail?

Dr Anthony Rickards has been a consultant cardiologist at the National Hospital since 1973. Coronary angioplasty is his field — described as a relatively traumatic alternative to coronary bypass surgery in the treatment of severe coronary artery disease (of which approximately 170,000 people die each year).

He says: "It's much more like sticking a tube into people and a little balloon into the arteries and widening them from the inside — like widening Oxford Street rather than building the M25."

This year there have been more angioplastys than surgery (220,000 angioplastys to 190,000 bypasses).

"Don't advise your child to become a cardiovascular surgeon" he adds, "because prevention will be the solution 100 years from now."

Coronary bypass is "a plumbing solution — you either unblock or bypass the pipes. It is an effective and widely used operation, people feel much better and it prolongs their life, but our aim will be to prevent the pipes blocking up — and at the moment we don't have anything that looks remotely like that."

With the shortage of cardiologists — 121 in the country looking after 55 million people; in theory, one for every 400,000 — he considers the institute a necessity.

"We must be a contributor to the leading edge," he adds.

Dr Jane Somerville specializes in congenital heart disease at the National Heart Hospital, describing her patients as "from 0 to 80".

There is new hope for people with very complicated heart problems. "There are now survivors, and a new medical community to be cared for.

"Of the patients born with congenital heart disease, 60 per cent will be in trouble in the first year of life. We operate, and the results of the fruits of our labour still need attention."

The quality of their life is important to her — for example, in contraception the pill is inadvisable for some, and in pregnancy there is an increased likelihood of the child being affected, though this can be diagnosed very early through ultrasound."You may wish to drive a heavy goods vehicle, or find difficulties with your insurance or mortgage, and an anaesthetic for a tooth extraction may need very careful supervision."

One big problem is the destruction of patient records after, say, 10 years.

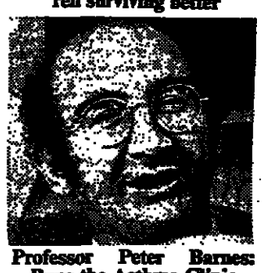
However, she says: "Today's problems may not be tomorrow's problems: heart muscle preservation is better, surgeons have learned how to do things better, and more patients are surviving. It's a very interesting challenge to keep these people leading good lives".



Dr Jane Somerville and young patient: Specializes in congenital heart disease at the National Heart Hospital



Dr Duncan Geddes: Children surviving better



Professor Peter Barnes: Runs the Asthma Clinic



Professor Barry Kay: Studies allergy causes

In search of a pattern and cure for the many asthma sufferers

Cardiovascular and respiratory disorders account for two-thirds of all deaths in the country, but lung research has never been a popular cause, receiving less than 1 per cent of government and less than 1 per cent of medical charity funds.

"Asthma is extremely common, affecting five per cent of the population, and moreover it seems to be getting worse in the western world,' say Professor Peter Barnes, director of the Department of Clinical Pharmacology, and first holder of the Asthma Research Council Chair in Clinical Pharmacology.

He runs the Asthma Clinic, started 15 years ago by Professor Margaret Turner-Warwick. The institute is a leading centre for asthma research in the world.

There is, at present, no cure for asthma, and 2,000 people die of it each year. It is no longer considered psychological in origin but there are several triggers for attacks, such as exercise, cigarette smoke, cold air, warm air, and stress. Professor Barnes says there are various clues, in the environment and pollution. Experiments are being made with diet, and it could be "urbanization", because experiments in the Third World have shown an increase in asthma in those moving from the country to the town.

It is not so much a problem of muscle spasms but of chronic inflammation — even with mild asthma inflammation of the airways is featured.

The research is into the nature of the inflammatory cells, and the substances they produce during an allergic reaction. The important cells in chronic asthma are the eosinophil and the lymphocyte, the first releasing nasty toxic chemicals which cause damage.

There is no drug which switches the process off, as yet.

A new look is being given at old remedies — such as the extract of the genko tree leaves, which is an ancient Chinese herbal remedy — and the use of morphine and adrenalin, once used, but no longer, in treating asthma.

It could be that the inhalers that give instant relief to the sufferer are, in fact, masking more serious conditions.

Professor Barry Kay, of the Department of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, studies the causes of allergy in general and asthma in particular, with a view to understanding the role of allergy in chronic asthma, and why some patients respond to medication while others do not.

The research investigates cells in isolation and in the disease itself — biopsies of the airways now being possible with the development of fibre optic bronchoscopy.

Professor Kay's interest began while working at the City Hospital in Edinburgh in the early 1960s. "There was an increase in asthma deaths, which had a great affect on me," he says. He went back to being an undergraduate at Cambridge, did a PhD on eosinophil, and then went on to Harvard.

"We believe that allergy and asthma is due basically to a defect of immunity," he says, and his research is supported by the Medical Research Council, the Wellcome Trust and the Asthma Research Council.

Dr Duncan Geddes, a physician, is one of a team of three, with Dr Peter Jeffrey, a pathologist, and Dr Alan an electrophysiologist, studying cystic fibrosis.

He says: "Children born with this disease used to die very young, but with newly developed treatment they are now living to be over 20 — and may in the future survive to 30, 40, 50 or 60." It is a success story, in its way, in that 30 years ago, 80 per cent of patients died in their first year.

"There are two thrusts — the first is heart and lung transplantation, but the main thrust is in the laboratory, looking at the abnormalities at the level of the individual patient by measuring the amount of electricity in the nose — with an electrode inside the nose compared with another on the skin. People with cystic fibrosis have much too high a voltage."

This can then be modified with drugs.

Laboratory experiments can be done on lungs taken out as part of heart lung transplantations. It ties up with other research on asthma, and smoking related diseases.

Cystic fibrosis is inherited, although it is now possible to test the apparently normal brothers and sisters of a patient to see whether they are carriers of the gene.

It is more common in Europe than in Third World countries — extremely rare in China, for example — but at present, incurable everywhere.

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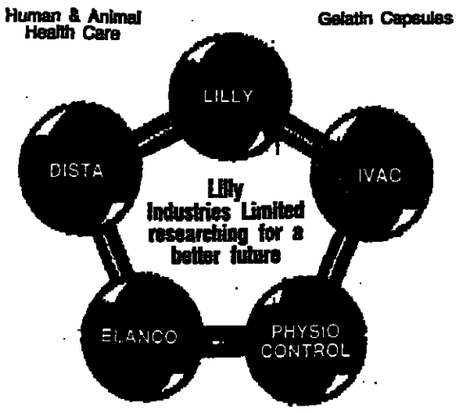
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SPORTS LETTERS

New marathon policy needed

From Mrs Sheila P. Halls

Sir, Should the long overdue single governing body for British athletics ever materialize, I sincerely hope that its officials adopt a harsh policy over selections for marathons, in particular at major championships such as the Olympic Games.

Surely, selection to compete for one's country in the Olympics must be the ultimate target for any athlete, yet from certain performances on the roads of America over the last two weekends, it appears that this is no longer the case.

I refer to Paula Fudge and Steve Jones, both of whom declined selection for Seoul, yet found it within themselves to produce what was necessary to pick up respectively in prize-money $20,000 in Chicago and $26,000 and a Mercedes car in New York. I shudder to ask what appearance money Jones also collected as a former holder of the world's best time.

Both athletes have been in the sport for many years; I do not believe that when they set out their racing/training schedules at the start of the year, the autumnal American marathons were not included.

I suggest that if athletes want to run "professionally" for themselves, then that is what they do; but don't stand in the way of people who would be proud to pull on a British vest. The existing governing bodies should tell them now that they will never again be considered for selection for a national team.

How refreshing to see somebody like Charlie Spedding, *Having taken the bronze medal* in what many believe the best marathon of all time — at the 1984 Olympics — he could well have cashed in at the big-money *races. Yet he fought his way* back to finish sixth in Seoul and has made the point that to him medals rather than money are important.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA P. HALLS,
4 Vincents Close,
Chipstead,
Coulsdon, Surrey.

Spinning problems

From Dr Rasheed Ahmad

Sir, I read with interest Giles Lyon's report (November 2) arguing the case for neutral umpires in cricket. May I remind him that the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) has long been arguing the case and indeed in 1986 was the first to experiment with neutral umpires in a Test series against West Indies.

Further, based *on the percent*ages of the lbw decisions for the home and visiting teams, the author's text gave rise to the inference in the headline that "Gatting's actions on behalf of the England team in Pakistan last winter may well have solid foundation." But from the statistics submitted it is abundantly clear that English players in Test Cricket had 3.35 per cent more lbw decisions against them in Pakistan, 4.15 per cent in Australia and a staggering 9.50 per cent in India.

His statistics only point out the fact that England and the other teams are quite incapable of playing the spinners, especially the googly bowlers. They must understand that deliberate padding to a moving ball exposes them to the risks of an lbw decision. Moreover, it is not uncommon for Pakistan and India in the home Test matches *to field up to three* recognized spinners. Also it is an agreed fact that the host countries do prepare the pitches to match their bowlers and in this regard Pakistan and India are no exception to the tradition.

Lastly, more meaningful results would have appeared if the percentages of the lbw decisions were matched per completed innings. Nevertheless in condoning Mr Gatting's behaviour in Pakistan last winter, the author has miserably missed the point. An eminent journalist, C.P. Scott, once said: "It's good to be frank, but it is better to be fair."

Yours faithfully,
RASHEED AHMAD,
32 Sinclair Drive,
Liverpool 18.

Irritating format

From Mr D. W. Boswell

Sir, Eulogies on the quality of *Test Match Special* are often expressed, but I maintain that cricket enthusiasts, who want an alternative to actually being at the game, find the present format extremely irritating. There is no opportunity to use one's imagination and participate (as a supporter does) in an ongoing situation.

If I were at a game and sat anywhere near a group of such talkers, I would have to move away. I have a similar detestation of sporting interviews on sports news programmes, and yearn for accounts of the games and time for its actual results — especially the racing results in classified form on a Saturday.

Yours faithfully,
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Beckett's breaks

From Mr Michael Meyer

Sir, Samuel Beckett did not bowl leg breaks, unless he tossed in the occasional one (End Column, October 21). I have it from the horse's mouth. In reply to an enquiry I made of him in 1980, Mr Beckett wrote: "Off-breaks endlessly. Least unsuccessful round the wicket to left-handers."

Yours etc,
MICHAEL MEYER,
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Bright lights bring distress

From Mr T. M. Blaiklock and others

Sir, How much does the public realize the menace lurking behind the excessive zeal with which some local authorities are interpreting the Department of Education and Science guidelines for dual use of school sports facilities? "Increased community use", supported by Sports Council grants, is causing neighbourhood disruption which could not have been envisaged by the relative ministers and surely cannot now be condoned by them.

The problem arises when a school ground in a quiet residential district is resurfaced with all-weather synthetic grass. To be cost-effective the high capital outlay necessitates intensive commercial lettings after dark under floodlights — a Sports Council requirement for the grant — thus subjecting its local community to a drastic and detrimental change of environment. It introduces glare, traffic and crowds, *shouting*, whistles and matchplay noise. It reduces the quality of life.

Apart from the anger and frustration of local residents, there is engendered a bitterness that the planning authority should grant itself permission it would refuse to any other applicant for a similarly disruptive development.

Such a situation has come to a head in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. Here, there is a growing volume of public protest over a council scheme for a seven-days-a-week floodlit all-weather sports facility at Teddington School, supported by a Sports Council grant of £100,000. Although we fully support the principle of better sports facilities for schoolchildren, to be shared by the community, we object most strongly to the floodlights.

In this case there is an added dimension — the River Thames. The chosen site is at a focal point in the famous Teddington Reach, one of Greater London's lovelier stretches of the river which curves from Kingston Bridge to Teddington Lock. The riverside stretches are designated by the councils of both Richmond and Kingston upon Thames, on the school's opposite bank, as strategic areas of special character. Can the Department of the Environment really approve the erection of eight 52-foot-high pylons each bearing four lights, able to illuminate the pitch to 300 lux, all utterly detrimental to the river's character?

At what point do Sports Council strategies cease to take precedence over all other considerations? The problem, which inevitably must increase, should be addressed now.

Yours faithfully,
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Means to preserve football

From D. G. Jones

Sir, It is a tragic comment on the *state of English football that so* much of what Simon Barnes said (November 3) is true. It is difficult to believe that many of those closely involved in the *professional game have its well*-being at heart. For too long we have seen what a heavy domestic programme has done to the performances of the national side, yet *each season more* competitions seem to be added.

In addition, there are a number of negative aspects to the game which could be eradicated. In too many games can the result be influenced by the referee's inability to see if an advantage accrues and, if not, to bring play back to the point of the original incident and penalize the action with a free-kick or penalty.

Another point to consider is meting out punishment to fit the offence; a good example is the so-called professional foul. No advantage usually follows from a direct free kick and that is why the tactic will persist. It should be punished with the award of a penalty and the sending-off of the offender. It is remarkable that managers and coaches comment that "he had no choice" when such an offence occurs.

Change is also needed regarding dissent: if the referee's decision is final, to challenge it is ridiculous. Therefore each challenge should be penalized by the moving forward of the kick; if the ball reaches the penalty area and the kick is direct, it becomes a penalty.

These suggestions could be tried and their results monitored. I think they would quickly change attitudes and conduct in the game. They *would surely also do something* to preserve the great attribute of good football, its flowing nature.

Yours faithfully,
D.G. JONES,
142 Mount Pleasant Road, N17

From Mr D. Ayling

Sir, On a recent Saturday afternoon I took my 2½-year-old daughter to a football match. Madness you might suggest, but no, as we attended the Vauxhall-Opel premier division game between Tooting and Mitcham and Slough Town.

My daughter was able to amuse herself playing with other children in complete safety, whilst I watched the match with an occasional glance at her.

Tooting, 2-0 up at half-time through two impressive shots, eventualy went down 2-3 to the good football of Slough. All this entertainment for only £2.

We were also free to stand in any part of the ground, free from any wire fences and unsavoury characters. Little wonder that I have long since given up the dubious "pleasures" of the Football League, in my opinion vastly overpriced and overstated, for the sanity of the non-League game.

Yours faithfully,
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Carshalton, Surrey.

Funding of racing

From Ms R. French

Sir, An interesting contrast is visible on the back page of November 1. In one article you *report that the taxpayer is to* give £41 million to British sport in 1989, excluding horse racing. Racing, of course, gets its public support not from the Sports Council but from a tax on bookmakers collected and distributed by the Levy Board.

In another article we see that Sir Ian Trethowan, Chairman of the Levy Board, has turned down an offer effectively worth £32 million of taxpayers' money for racing in 1989. He thinks that £34 million would be more like it, and £111 million would be much more like it. Why does he think that racing justifies so much public funding relative to the rest of British sport?

To his credit, he thinks that the Levy is an anachronism, and that racing should fight it out in the market for funds in competition with golf, cycling and the rest. I would be surprised if the market will find even an extra £32 million just for racing. It is not as though horse races are not already sponsored.

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The wrong angles

From Mr Timothy Mann

Sir, At last a rugby international that lived up to its billing — and a memorable English victory to *celebrate. The only aspect lack*ing was the wholly inadequate television coverage by the BBC.

My main complaint is that too much of the game was *shown in close-up. Rugby is all* about space, lines of running and relative positioning. It was not necessary to see the sweat on Robinson's brow to know that he had just won another excellent piece of possession; it was important to know whether Morris had space to go alone or whether he should pass.

Changing angles at vital moments is an old bad habit, which I find distracting and totally disorientating. Maybe a lesson can be learnt from American football coverage where the match is viewed from a "grandstand seat", with alternative angles reserved for replays.

Yet here was another problem for the BBC. With England threatening Australia's line at a scrum, we were treated to a slow-motion replay. The return *to the live action was just in* time to see the ball being touched down, but it missed the scrum and charged-down kick.

Yours faithfully,
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GOLF: SCOT WHOSE SECRET IS A PLACID PERSONALITY

Lyle off on the scenic route to greater glory

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Monterey

If he has not already been acclaimed the outstanding golfer of 1988, Sandy Lyle will surely acquire that accolade should he win the Nabisco World Championships of Golf which starts on the Pebble Beach course here today.

Victory on the celebrated links, little more than 100 miles south of San Francisco, would ensure the Scot of a momentous place in history for the second time this year.

In April he became the first Briton to win the Masters; now he is 72 holes away from being the first Briton to lead the official United States PGA Tour money list. For good measure, he has also won the Phoenix Open and Greater Greensboro Open on the US Tour, the Dunhill Masters on the European Tour and the Suntory World Match Play Championship.

Lyle could still achieve his target by finishing runner-up here. Then, however, he would be placing his fate in the hands of his rivals. Chip Beck, No. 1 in the money list, would have to finish outside of the top four in this tournament, in which there is a field of 30, and not one of the top 11 in the money list would have to win.

Lyle is well aware that by completing his season in style he would win a first prize of $360,000 (about £200,000), in addition to a bonus of $175,000 for being in the No. 1 position, and establish a record for the US Tour with a staggering $1,188,334. A year ago Curtis Strange finished with $925,941.



Beck: No. 1 money-maker

All of which is quite astonishing when one considers that Gary Player, one of only two non-Americans to lead the US Tour money list, earned $64,540 to be No. 1 in 1961. Greg Norman ($643,296) became in *1986* the second non-American to be No. 1.

The rise and rise of Lyle in the US, traditionally the proving ground for British golfers but often a graveyard in the past, can be put down not only to his pride of performance but also to his placid personality. Lyle is blessed with a heart of gold and hands of greatness. Consequently, he rarely hits a shot in anger.

And he is far from deceitful. He wants, like any other competitive soul in the sporting arena, to win. That is the bottom line. "That is my aim every time I tee the ball up," he said. "When the day dawns when I don't have that feeling of wanting to be a winner then I'll know it's time to quit."

In essence Lyle is a perfectionist. He might not look so immersed in the business of collecting birdies as, say, a Faldo, but he is nevertheless committed to that task. And he is in a determined mood after playing the last 36 holes of the Volvo Masters in Spain two weeks ago without gathering one.

Pebble Beach, scenically spectacular, is one of the finest examinations in golf and, perhaps, the best on the west coast of the US. Set, as it is, alongside the rocky shore of Carmel Bay, it is at the mercy of the weather.

Beck, however, was joint twelfth in the US Open at Pebble Beach in 1982 when Tom Watson won. Watson, winner of the Nabisco event a year ago, has not qualified this time. Beck is here, with a lead of a little more than $120,000 over Lyle, but that will matter nothing if Lyle emerges victorious.

US PGA TOUR MONEY LIST: 1, C Beck, $776,018 (2438,000); 2, J Sindelar, $708,532; 3, A Lyle, $663,934; 4, B Crenshaw, $627,695; 5, K Green, $627,514; 6, D Frost, $621,900; 7, C Strange, $612,844; 8, M Calcavecchia, $617,245; 9, L Wadkins, $544,330; 10, P Azinger, $528,250; 11, S Pate, $516,873; 12, T Kite, $504,405.

Professionals glimpse the amateur game

From Patricia Davies, Madrid

The Benson and Hedges Trophy, which starts at La Moraleja in Madrid today, is the first mixed professional tournament in Europe, with the men's and women's tours joining forces for the first time.

They will play greensomes, a form of foursomes which means that both members of a pairing drive and then go into a strategic huddle to decide which ball to play for the rest of the hole. With £20,000 to be split equally between the winning couple, it will pay to make the right decisions and to make them amicably. The team with the lowest "sorry, partner" count is *likely to do best.*

Until now it has been a game that professionals played not at all — except for the odd couple in the Sunningdale foursomes — but they are about to re-enter the mainstream of the game that gives them their living, to subject themselves to some of the torments that befall the rest of us.

The favourites are Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya, the women's No. 1, and Mark McNulty, who was sixth on the Volvo Order of Merit. Well-substantiated word has it that he was persuaded to come here by a £25,000 cheque, for the prize-money, while generous, is small beer by the standards of the men's tour these days. There are, however, six Ryder Cup players, past and present, in the field and McNulty and Taya may not have everything their own way.

Manuel Pinero is partnering Marta Figueras-Dotti, the former British Open champion, who has had a successful season in America, while José Rivero and José-María Cañizares are paired, respectively, with their fellow Spaniards, Xonia Wunsch and Tania Abitbol. Also in the field is the legendary Catherine Lacoste, the only amateur to win the United States women's Open. She is a member of La Moraleja and plays with Javier Ansorena, a young Spanish amateur, to make up the numbers.

Brand leads armed with a new swing

Adelaide (Reuter) — Gordon Brand jnr, armed with a new swing, took a four-stroke lead after the first round of the South Australian Open championship yesterday. He had six birdies, *including five in succession* from the fifth, for a six-under-par 64.

Wayne Grady, the new Australian PGA champion, his compatriots, Robert Stephens and Greg Alexander, and Jack Larkin, of the United States, were the nearest pursuers on 68.

Brand has been rearranging his swing for the past four months under the guidance of a fellow Scot, Bob Torrance, father of the Ryder Cup player, Sam Torrance.

LEADING SCORES: (Australian unless stated): 64: G Brand jnr (GB); 68: W Grady, R Stephens, G Alexander, J Larkin (US). 69: A Hayes, R Shearer, D Graham, M Nash, G Serhan. 70: R Wood, N Ratcliffe, W Smith, A Gilligan. 71: C Mann, P Senior, D Smith, B Officer, P Jones, M Stevens, S Owen (NZ), J Deep, V Somers, J Clifford, D Merriman, M Harwood, L Stephen, C Angel, K Thomas, P Lonard. 72: C Grey, M McDonnell, R Rafferty (GB), I Stanley, O Moore, M Ziko, K Reynolds, R Boxall (GB). 73: B Hughes, J Brellentrin (US), K Collins (US), C Parry, G Joyner, H Baran (US), F Nobilo (NZ), M Clayton, E Egloff (US), C Johnsen (US), S Flintoul, S Alsbett, P Foley.

Council home exception to doctrine

Ogwr Borough Council v Dykes

Before Lord Justice Purchas and *Lord Justice Ralph Gibson*

[Judgment November 9]

A local authority that granted exclusive possession of a dwelling house in the course of performing its duties under the Housing Act 1985 did not thereby grant the occupier a tenancy.

In the circumstances, the right to exclusive possession was referable to the grant of a licence to occupy for a limited period and as such the case was an exception to the doctrine laid down by the House of Lords in *Street v Mountford* ([1985] AC 809).

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Mrs *Rosemary Dykes*, the occupier of council premises in Bridgend, from an order of Judge Hywel ap Robert on April 28, 1988 granting a possession order to the housing authority, Ogwr Borough Council.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

Section 65(3) of the 1985 Act (replacing section 4(3) of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977) requires that a local housing authority "where they are satisfied that [a homeless person] has a priority need but are also satisfied that he became homeless intentionally, they shall — (a) secure that accommodation is made available for his occupation for such period as *they consider* will give him a reasonable opportunity of securing accommodation for his occupation . . .".

Mr Roger Garfield for the occupier; Mr Geoffrey Stephenson for the housing authority.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the occupier and her four children were given possession of the house for a period limited to 13 weeks in March 1986 under the terms of a letter from the housing authority headed "Licence to Occupy".

At that time she had a priority need and had become intentionally homeless by her persistent refusal to pay rent.

The occupier remained in the house after the expiry of 13 weeks and by letter in February 1987 the housing authority purported to determine the licence.

Judge Hywel ap Roberts had concluded that the March *1986* agreement under which the occupier went into possession was a licence for a limited period and did not have the effect of creating a tenancy under the authority of *Street v Mountford* — deciding that where residential accommodation had been granted for a term *at a rent with exclusive* possession, the grantor providing neither attendance nor services, the legal consequence was the creation of a tenancy.

The instant case was, the judge held, of the type referred to by Lord Templeman who had said (at p826): "Sometimes it may appear from the surrounding circumstances that the right to exclusive possession is referable to a legal relationship other than a tenancy".

Later in his judgment the judge referred to what Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, said in *South Holland District Council v Keyte* ((1985) 84 LGR 347, 352): "I do not accept it as being axiomatic that a relationship which purports to be between a licensor and a licensee creates a tenancy, even if it gives exclusive possession, where the licensor is a local authority performing their duty under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977".

Mr Garfield contended that the terms contained in the letter of March 1986 complied with the three criteria required by *Street v Mountford* and that it must therefore be regarded as creating a tenancy. He further relied on *Eastleigh Borough Council v Walsh* ([1985] 1 WLR 525) in support of his argument that it was open to a housing authority to create a tenancy or a *licence in the course of* discharging their statutory duties to the homeless.

Mr Garfield's submissions could not be accepted. *Street v Mountford* had been considered by the Court of Appeal in *AG Securities v Vaughan* ([1988] 2 WLR 689) and his Lordship said that he agreed and wished *to adopt what Lord Justice Fox* said in that case that exclusive possession was of the first importance but was not decisive "because there are circumstances in which an occupier who has exclusive possession is not a tenant. Thus he may be an owner in fee simple, a trespasser, a mortgagee in possession, an object of charity or a service occupier".

It would not be profitable to attempt to define a category of cases falling within the exception to *Street v Mountford* that Lord Templeman referred to.

If what the facts disclosed was the grant of exclusive possession of the premises for a fixed term for rent then in the absence of anything to the contrary the effect was to create a tenancy. But if the terms on which the right to exclusive possession negatived the grant of a tenancy then some other interest would be created.

The background to the case — the granting of accommodation to the occupier for a limited period by a housing authority in discharging their duties under the Housing Act 1985 — negatived the inference that a tenancy was thereby created when the authority allowed the occupier into the premises in March 1986.

Thus the judge was correct in holding that there was a licence granted to the occupier for a period of 13 weeks that was thereafter allowed to run on but which was lawfully determined by the letter to the occupier in February *1987*.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Whittinghams, Bridgend; Mr J. Graham Cole, Bridgend.

Selling compulsorily acquired land

Regina v Commission for New Towns, Ex parte Tomkins and Another

Before *Lord Justice Dillon*, Lord Justice Bingham and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss

[Judgment October 25]

Land compulsorily acquired for the development of a new town which became surplus to requirements had, in the absence of the authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment, to be disposed of for the best consideration reasonably obtainable, and where, because of a grant of planning permission, it was impossible to put a value on the land, it had to be offered for sale on the open market, despite guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment which envisaged that it would first be offered to the former owners from whom it had originally been acquired.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the applicants, John Robert Tomkins and John George Leach, from a decision of Mr Justice Kennedy, who on February 16, 1988 had refused an application for judicial review of the decision of the New Towns Commission to offer for sale on the open market certain land at Northampton, and not to offer the applicants an opportunity to buy it back at current open market value.

Mr Derek Wood, QC and Mr David Holgate for the applicants; Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr R. John Furber for the commission.

statutory force, but there would have been an expectation that they would, in general, be applied in appropriate circumstances in the exercise of fair administration as appreciated since Crichel Down.

A new section 37(3) of the 1981 Act, substituted by the Urban Development Corporations Act 1985, provided that: "The Commission shall not by virtue of section 36 above . . . (*e*) dispose of any property . . . for a consideration which is less than the best reasonably obtainable, except under the general or special authority of the Secretary of State."

The applicants had declared their interest in repurchasing, and they accepted that if they acquired the land under the guidelines they had to pay a price which reflected the current planning position.

What they objected to was that the commission, after taking the advice of counsel, had *concluded that it would have to* offer the land for sale in the open market and would not be able to give the applicants first refusal under the guidelines.

In the particular circumstances it was obvious that the price to be obtained for the land with the benefit of planning permission would be very high indeed. Any attempt to estimate that price would be unreliable.

The reasonable and sensible course for any chartered surveyor advising a vendor on the disposal of such land would be to advise that it should be offered for sale by tender, after maximum advertisement and publicity, on the basis that any tenderer would be bound to enter into a contract to purchase on the terms laid down in the conditions of tender.

That was what the commission proposed to do, and as the 1983 guidelines were on their face not intended to be of universal application, there was no reason why it should not go ahead as it proposed.

In so saying his Lordship relied on the wording of paragraph 3 of the guidelines that former owners should "generally" be given a first opportunity to repurchase and that the offer back should "normally" be made to the former freeholder.

Mr Wood had submitted that the 1983 guidelines were to be taken as a general authority of the secretary of state under section 37(3) of the 1985 Act, which absolved the commission, if it was selling to the former owner under the guidelines, from any *obligation* to obtain the best consideration reasonably obtainable.

That point could not be accepted, since paragraph 12 of the guidelines required the price, on a sale to a former owner under the guidelines, to be on the basis of full current open market value. Thus the secretary of state could not have intended by the guidelines to authorize a sale at less than full market value, which was substantially the same as the best price reasonably obtainable.

Mr Wood's main submission was that "the best reasonably obtainable consideration" in section 37(3) had a sufficient flexibility in themselves to enable the commission to do anything in the way of disposal of surplus land which was desirable in the interests of fair administration even though the price thereby realized might fall short of the uttermost farthing.

The phrase referred, in his Lordship's judgment, to the highest price in money that could be got, subject to such considerations of prudence as were discussed by Mr Justice Wynn-Parry in *Buttle v Saunders* ([1950] 2 All ER 193).

It was particularly difficult on the facts and in the context of section 37(3) to imply from the word "reasonably" that the commission could on moral or ethical grounds of supposed fairness take a price for the land which it and its advisers had no reason to believe was the best that could be obtained.

In the circumstances of the case the appeal should be dismissed. That conclusion depended entirely on the evidence as to the market price at the particular time in that particular type of property — land with planning permission for residential development. It did not mean that the Crichel Down guidelines *were a dead letter.*

Lord Justice Bingham delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson; D. J. Freeman & Co.

Insurers not liable over entry by stolen key

Nash t/a Dino Services Ltd v Prudential Assurance Co Ltd

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord *Justice Mann* and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment November 1]

In construing the phrase "entry to . . . premises by forcible and violent means" for the purposes of cover against theft under an insurance policy, "violent" was used in its ordinary sense: as accompanying an entry where force might otherwise have been minimal by a physical act properly characterized as violent.

Accordingly entry to the insured's premises effected by stolen keys was not "violent" and the resulting loss was not covered by the terms of the policy.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal from Mr Justice Pain who had held that the plaintiff, William Joseph Nash, trading as Dino Services Ltd, was entitled to indemnity under a combined business insurance policy with the defendants, the Prudential Assurance Co Ltd, in respect of loss sustained in a theft at his business premises.

Mr James Wadsworth, QC and Mr Michael Pooles for the defendants; Mr John Deby, QC and Mr Quinton Tudor-Evans for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE KERR said that the theft had occurred at the plaintiff's business premises which he had locked up using a number of keys. Those he had put in the glove compartment of his car, which itself was fitted with all manner of burglar alarms. However the keys were *stolen from the car and entry to* the premises was effected by means of the stolen keys.

The relevant clause in the theft section of the policy provided cover "in the event of any . . . property . . . being lost or damaged as the result of theft . . . involving entry to or exit from the premises by forcible and violent means".

Mr Wadsworth agreed that on the authorities the opening of various doors by stolen keys satisfied the condition "forcible". He accepted that "forcible" was defined as the application of any energy, as the word had been used, in a different context by Lord Justice Donaldson in *Swales v Cox* ([1981] QB 849), so that a minimal degree of force was sufficient.

That somewhat technical use *of the word might be surprising* since it had the effect that if his Lordship were to use his own house keys to let himself into his house, he was effecting a forcible entry by those means.

The issue was therefore on the construction of the word "violent". Mr Deby conceded that it must have an additional meaning to the word "forcible". "Violent" was an ordinary English word used in a common commercial document. In his Lordship's view there was no reason why it should mean *anything different from what* the word ordinarily meant.

There was no need to resort to dictionaries, authorities or the *contra proferentem* rule. His *Lordship took the ordinary* meaning of the word as conveying the idea that the use of some force to effect an entry which might have been minimal was accompanied by a physical act capable properly of being described as violent in character, for example, by breaking down a door, or forcing in a window.

His Lordship did not consider that the phrase entry by forcible and violent means could be applied to the action of putting a lock *into its open position with* its own key, and turning the door knob. It would be "forcible" but not "violent".

Mr Deby had emphasized *that the keys had been stolen* and that "violent" was a term characterizing the unlawfulness of the act. He submitted that the phrase *meant* "forcible and unlawful" as relating to the means of entry.

His Lordship could not accept that construction because as an ordinary word "violent" bore a different meaning from "unlawful" and because the context in which the phrase appeared in the policy contemplated a state of unlawfulness, namely theft by virtue of entry.

In rejecting the plaintiff's submissions his Lordship referred to *In re George* ([1899] 1 QB 595) and *In re Calf and the Sun Insurance Office* ([1920] 2 KB 366) *which supported the* natural construction his Lordship adopted. He could not accept the judge's reasoning that the words were to be construed by reference to the character of the act by which the entry was obtained.

Accordingly, while having every sympathy for the plaintiff, *his Lordship was constrained to* adopt a different construction from the judge and to allow the appeal. His Lordship expressed the hope that the defendants *might consider the case proper* for an *ex gratia* payment to be made to the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE MANN, agreeing, said that the phrase had now been in currency for nearly 100 years and it ought to be the subject of scrutiny.

Sir Denys Buckley agreed.

Solicitors: *Mr R. J. Hunter*; Howard Kennedy.

Means inquiry warrant is not for arrest over an offence

Director of Public Prosecutions v Peacock

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy

[Judgment November 9]

A warrant issued pursuant to section 83(1)(b) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 to arrest a fine defaulter and to *bring him before the court for an* inquiry into his means was not a warrant issued "to arrest a person in connection with an offence" for the purposes of section 125(4)(a) of the Act.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing an appeal brought by the Director of Public Prosecutions by way of case stated against the dismissal by Darlington Justices on January 28, 1988 of four summonses against Gary Peacock, Stephen Crosby Peacock and Ronald Michael Glen, each of which had depended upon the question: whether on August 23, 1987, John Mark Trotter, a police constable, was acting in the execution of his duty when he purported to arrest the respondent, Gary Peacock.

Mr Roger Thorn for the DPP; *Mrs Margaret Bickford-Smith* for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the respondent had at some earlier time been ordered to pay an undisclosed amount upon his conviction for an unidentified offence and, *by August 1987, £6* remained outstanding, for which the justices ordered a warrant for his arrest under section 83(1)(b) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980. Police Constable Trotter knew of the existence of that warrant and purported to arrest the respondent.

Section 125(4)(a) of the 1980 Act provided that a warrant could be executed by a constable notwithstanding that it was not at the time in his possession if the warrant was "to arrest a person in connection with an offence".

His Lordship found it difficult *to regard an offence, that was to* say an act or omission justiciable under the criminal law, as having a continued existence after the conviction of its perpetrator (save only for the purposes of an appeal): a person could no longer be "charged with an offence". A warrant under section 83 of the 1980 Act *for the respondent to appear* before the justices for a means inquiry was not issued "in connection with an offence" for the purposes of section 125(4).

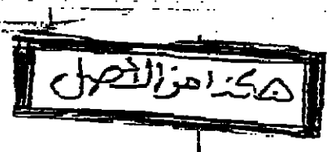
It had been argued that the effect of section 83(3) was that section 83 warrants could be executed in like manner as if they had been issued under section 13 of the 1980 Act.

A section 13 warrant, to secure a person's attendance on any adjournment for his trial, was clearly a warrant "to arrest in connection with an offence" but that was too circuitous for *section 125(4)(a)* of the Act to apply.

Upon the absence of an express reference to section 83 in section 125, upon the very circuity of the route and upon the need for clear words to undo a provision of the common law, any connection with an offence could not be imported into section 83(3) of the 1980 Act.

Section 83(3) did not operate so that a constable, seeking to execute a warrant issued pursuant to *section 83(1)(b) of the* Act, was entitled to the benefit of the provisions of section 125 of that Act.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Tyneside; Martin L. Cohen & Co, Darlington.



Promising Kissane to take control

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Races like today's Silver Buck Handicap Chase at Wincanton are invariably brimful with interest even though they usually attract only a small field.

Today's feature race on the Somerset track is no exception. For it has brought together one of the best established chasers of last season, Cavvies Clown, one of the most promising, Kissane, and one of the most exasperating, Ten Plus.

For Cavvies Clown and Kissane this is the beginning of a new term. For Ten Plus it represents a golden opportunity to get his revenge on Cavvies Clown, who defeated him by six lengths on the course last January.

That was one of the three races in which dope tests were found to be positive on Cavvies Clown, showing traces of the steroid 19 Nortestosterone, which his trainer David Elsworth admitted to having given him much earlier in the season on veterinary advice to remedy a low blood count.

Now Ten Plus, who looked badly in need of a race at Newbury first time out three weeks ago, will be meeting Cavvies Clown on 15lb better terms.

However, while Cavvies Clown went from strength to strength last season and ended by finishing second in the Tote Gold Cup at Cheltenham, Ten Plus went to pieces.

Kissane's season also ended on a disappointing note at Ascot in April when he finished last of three.

But, in all probability, he was past his best then after an injury had forced him to miss the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham and a scheduled second clash with The West Awake in the Sun Alliance Chase.

Earlier in the season, Kissane had impressed when beating The West Awake at Ascot albeit when getting a bit of weight from him. Today, Kissane receives 10lb from Cavvies Clown.

If the latter turns out to be as rusty as he was on his debut last autumn, and Elsworth has warned that he may just need the race, he could be beaten by KISSANE on ground that is likely to be quite lively for such an out-and-out stayer.

When good bets look thin on the ground, FARMLEA BOY is my idea of the day's nap to win the Badger Beer Handicap Chase, even though he carries a 4lb penalty and is still 7lb out of the handicap.

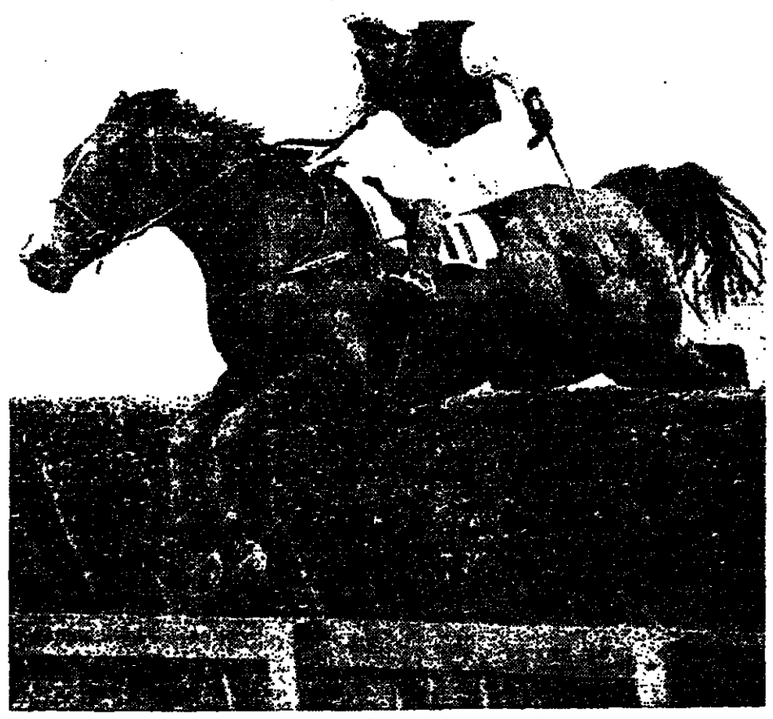
When a horse is improving races are won sometimes by a horse who is theoretically 'out of the handicap.' Cuddy Dale's victory at Sandown on Saturday being a case in point.

Now it is my contention that Farmlea Boy had sufficient in reserve at Stratford last month, when he easily accounted for Highway Express, to beat that horse again.

NORTHERN FLATS, who won a race for conditional jockeys on his seasonal debut at Ladlow last month, looks a sporting bet to win the Remembrance Day Handicap Hurdle

At Uttoxeter, Gordon Richards and Phil Tock can put themselves in the right frame of mind for their assault on the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday with Jim Thorpe by landing a double with BALLYDALY EXPRESS (12.30) and CLEVER FOLLY (1.0).

Finally, OLD MALTON, who won his first two races of the season before he finished a close third behind Andorra and Folk Dance at Stratford a week ago, can regain the winning trail by capturing the *Racing Post* Series Handicap Hurdle.



Donald Davies takes the last safely in the Curridge Handicap Chase to initiate a Newbury treble for champion jockey Peter Scudamore (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

WINCANTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Fell Climb.
1.45 Northern Flats.
2.15 FARMLEA BOY (nap).
2.45 Kissane.
3.15 Diamond Digger.
3.45 Caoimhe.

By Michael Seely

1.45 Deep Impression. 3.15 PRIZE ASSET (nap).

Going: good

1.15 AMATEUR RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN NOVICES HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,255: 2m 6f) (18 runners)

3	PP-P	BENT STRAIGHT 14 (B Ryall) B Ryall 8-11-5	S Stickland (7)	—
4	0PP00-0	DERROWN 16 (Miss N Berry) Miss N Berry 8-11-5	Miss T Wright (7)	—
5	00-	DIRECT 229 (H Kaye) J Edwards 5-11-5	P Fenton (7)	—
6	3E/	DUPES CIGAR 565 (Unity Farm Ltd) P Hobbs 6-11-5	P O'Reilly (7)	—
7		ELEGANT FELLA (Lady Blyth) G Balding 7-11-5	C Hamblyn (7)	—
8	3210P-5	FELL CLIMB 20 (B,F,G,S) (P Bailey) P Bailey 8-11-5	E Bailey (7)	● 99
9	5/P-00PU	LITTLECOTE LAD 40 (B) (N De Savary) N Thomson 5-11-5	A Butterfield (7)	—
10	0	ON HIS OWN 20 (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) N Mitchell 5-11-5	A Tory (7)	—
11	0PU00/	ROY THE READY 916 (B Key) B Key 8-11-5	Miss D Key (7)	—
12	0P/PP-0	SWIFT SHARK 27 (Mrs D Casey) R Casey 9-11-5	Miss S Morgatroyd (7)	—
15		THE SKIRRID (S Davis) S Davis 5-11-5	P Hamer (7)	—
17	000-340	WATERSHEET DOWN 14 (R Wright) P Hobbs 5-11-5	T Grantham	80
18	430	CAME COTTAGE 14 (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 8-11-0	T Mitchell	99
19	PP/P0P/	GOLDEN NATIVE 540 (A Gadd) A Gadd 10-11-0	Miss A Gooding (7)	—
20	006-6	HENRYANA 13 (Mrs M Wilson) S Christian 8-11-0	J Doyle	84
21	P0080/P-	INDIAN SUNRISE 436 (J Payne) J Payne 7-11-0	G Upton (7)	—
23	2000-0	QUAY WALL 14 (Duke of Devonshire) F Walwyn 5-11-0	R Payas (7)	—
25	0P-0PP5	THE FURNITUREMAKER 14 (G Amey) D Gandolfo 5-11-0	G Oxley (7)	92
			M Armytage	70

BETTING: 9-4 Fell Climb, 11-4 Quay Wall, 9-2 Henryana, 6-1 Elegant Fella, 8-1 The Furnituremaker, 10-1 Swift Shark, 12-1 Direct, 16-1 others.

1987: LARCHWOOD 6-10-10 G Upton (10-1) S Christian 21 ran

FORM DUPES CIGAR showed promise in a couple of National Hunt Flat races two seasons ago, best effort when 5l 6th to Rustle at Sandown (2m, good to firm).

FELL CLIMB reverts to hurdling after being beaten a very long way by Cuddy Dale in a handicap chase at Newbury (3m) on his seasonal debut. Best hurdling form was a 12l 3rd to Larchwood over course and distance last year (soft).

HENRYANA looked as if the race would have done her good when a staying on 27l 6th to Fiddlers Three, a winner since, at Devon on her seasonal debut (2m 1f, good to soft). Today's longer distance will suit.

QUAY WALL has disappointed badly since finishing a creditable 4l 2nd to Relatively Easy at Wincanton (2m, good to soft).

Selection: HENRYANA

1.45 REMEMBRANCE DAY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,088: 2m 6f) (17 runners)

21	100054-	RECORD FLIGHT 181F (C,S) (F Crumpler) R Hodges 4-11-10	W Irvine (4)	94
28	500/061-	WAR DANCER 220 (C,S) (F Hayes) D Murray-Smith 6-11-5	G Bradley	88
29	4/350PP-	DEEP IMPRESSION 209 (G,S) (N Mills) M Bradstock 9-11-4	K Mooney	—
10	28F0-60	SOONER STILL 33 (S) (J Smith) J Edwards 4-11-4	T Morgan	98
11	200503-	HIGH HAM BLUES 189 (S) (D Crasse) D Barons 5-11-4	P Nicholls	87
12	6044P-0	MONTGOMERY 21 (S) (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 7-11-3	B Powell	90
13	6153-24	COURTLANDS GIRL 22 (C,BF,F) (M Saunders) W Fisher 6-11-2	J Frost	84
15		CASTLE DOUGLAS 932 (B,S) (Unity Farm Ltd) P Hobbs 8-11-0	Peter Hobbs	—
17	26-8U31	HANDY LANE 13 (F,S) (A Stoddart) D Barons 7-11-0 (4ex)	N Hawke (7)	96
19	083-602	RHODE ISLAND REED 5 (D,F,S) (J Bruton) A Moore 5-10-10	G Moore	87
20	0P/F41-U	WOODENBRIDGE 40 (B,S) (Mrs C Murray) O O'Neill 5-10-10	W Humphreys (4)	90
24	2S345-1	NORTHERN FLATS 29 (C,G) (Mrs M Teversham) W Turner 8-10-4	P Holley (7)	95
25	6P06F-0	BASKET WEAVE 19 (G) (J Sayers) G Balding 7-10-3	M Foster (7)	—
26	20-02P2	HI HIGH 28 (Mrs S Pattemore) S Pattemore 7-10-3	H Davies	88
27	0431-64	GIFTED NEPHEW 15 (G) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) N Mitchell 4-10-2	A Tory (7)	● 99
29	60P4/-01	AUGHWILLIAM 20 (S) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 8-10-1 (4ex)	S McNeill	97
30	FPP0P0-	SNOWY PEARL 192 (S) (S Snell) J Roberts 7-10-0	Gee Armytage	—

BETTING: 7-4 War Dancer, 3-1 Aughwilliam, 9-2 Deep Impression, 5-1 Handy Lane,

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM RECORD FLIGHT won three times on the soft last season and ran a fair race on her final start when a 11½l 4th to Springing Sidney at Bangor (2m, good).

HANDY LANE held on well to account for Brant Riverside by a length at Devon (2m 1f, good to soft) last time out and, despite incurring a 4lb penalty for that success, can be expected to go well.

NORTHERN FLATS escapes a penalty for his convincing 5l defeat of Fingers Crossed in a conditional Handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f, good) and stays on a favourable mark.

AUGHWILLIAM, due to go 8lb in the handicap as a result of a barring 2l defeat of Spring Palm at Carlisle (2m 4f, soft), is a danger to all off this light weight. Selection: AUGHWILLIAM

2.15 BADGER BEER HANDICAP CHASE (£4,534: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

2	313212-	CLARA MOUNTAIN 228 (G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 9-11-10	H Davies	● 99
3	21055-5	TABERNA LORD 12 (G,S) (R Jackson) A J Wilson 7-10-12	S Cowley	80
4	431UF4-	FLAREY SARK 235 (S) (Mrs A Pollard) J King 11-10-12	B Powell	91
5	611111-	AUGHAVOGUE 182 (F,G,S) (K Bell & Son Ltd) J Edwards 6-10-9	T Morgan	90
8	1P132-2	HIGHWAY EXPRESS 19 (CD,BF,S) (M White) R Hodges 7-10-0	S Earle	96
9	224P0/-3	THE COUNTY STONE 14 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs A Taylor) Miss J Thorne 11-10-0	M Dawe	82
10	FU6F1-1	FARMLEA BOY 19 (F,G,S) (R Lavelle) G Balding 8-10-0 (4ex)	R Guest	91
11	1P05-44	COOL GROUND 18 (S) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) N Mitchell 6-10-0	Gee Armytage	78

Long handicap: Highway Express 9-12, The County Stone 9-8, Farmlea Boy 9-7 (inc 4lbs) Cool Ground 9-6.

BETTING: 11-8 Farmlea Boy, 5-2 Highway Express, 7-2 Clara Mountain, 6-1 Aughavogue.

1987: SUN RISING 9-10-13 K Mooney (7-4 fav) F Walwyn 8 ran

FORM CLARA MOUNTAIN was a most consistent sort last season, winning twice in useful company, and kept his form well. Was not disgraced to finish a 4l 2nd to Tarroney (rec 17lb) at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, soft).

AUGHAVOGUE was a much improved performer towards the end of last season, winning five times, and on his final start he beat Timars Double (rec 24lb) by 3l at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good to firm).

THE COUNTY STONE ran a tremendous race at Wincanton (3m 1f, good) on his seasonal debut, his first run for 18 months, when a 10l 3rd to Comedy Lane. He only weakened in the closing stages when lack of condition told.

FARMLEA BOY won very easily despite the official margin of 2½l when accounting for HIGHWAY EXPRESS (9lb better off) with COOL GROUND (3lb better off) a further 10l behind in 4th. He should confirm those placings.

Selection: THE COUNTY STONE

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2.45 SILVER BUCK CHASE (Limited handicap: £4,300: 3m 1f) (4 runners)

21	011112-	CAVVIES CLOWN 238 (C,D,G,S) (Mrs J Ollivant) D Elsworth 8-11-10	R Arnott	● 99
22	581113-	KISSANE 218 (G,S) (Miss A O'Connell) J Edwards 7-11-0	T Morgan	85
24	1254P-4	TEN PLUS 20 (C,G,S) (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 8-10-9	K Mooney	95
26	31PPP/-	ARCTIC BEAU 587 (CD,F,G,S) (P Vann) J Old 10-10-7	S McNeill	—

Long handicap: Arctic Beau 9-0.

BETTING: 11-8 Cavvies Clown, 13-8 Kissane, 9-4 Ten Plus, 33-1 Arctic Beau

1987: BOLANDS CROSS 8-11-10 P Scudamore (10-11 fav) N Gaselee 4 ran

FORM CAVVIES CLOWN, an improving young performer last season. Last run was 6l 2nd to Charter Party in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (3m 2f, soft); CAVVIES CLOWN was a 6l winner over TEN PLUS (15lb better off) here (2m 5f, soft).

TEN PLUS, looked in need of the race when 17½l 4th of 9 to Cuddy Dale under a big weight at Newbury (3m, good to firm). Sure to improve on that run.

KISSANE, a very useful young chaser. Best performance last season was a 5l win over The West Awake at Ascot (3m, heavy). Goes particularly well with give in the ground.

ARCTIC BEAU is 21lbs out of the handicap and has been absent since April 1987, though does go well when fresh.

Selection: TEN PLUS

3.15 MENDIP HILLS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,864: 2m) (10 runners)

1	2-11412	DIAMOND DIGGER 19 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs V Tory) D Nicholson 8-12-3	S Sherwood	97
2	6F4/6P-0	DALBURY 20 (F,G,S) (R Smale) A Moore 10-11-10	G Moore	—
3	3-1F134	AKRAM 7 (CD,F,G,S) (S Allen) R Hodges 10-11-9	W Irvine (4)	97
4	4F132U-	PRIZE ASSET 164 (D,F) (Mrs C James) P Hobbs 8-11-6	P Hobbs	● 99
6	56-4100	ST WILLIAM 21 (D,F,G,S) (W Morecombe) R Hodges 11-11-4	S Earle	95
7	211121	DARK HERITAGE 3 (D,F,G,S) (J Guest) D Murray-Smith 5-10-12	G Bradley	96
8	333331	PANTECHNICON 21 (D,F,G) (D Coombs) A Barrow 8-10-3 (7ex)	B Powell	97
10	534-000	LULAV 12 (D,G,S) (J Bridger) J Bridger 10-10-0	M Furlong	—
11	PP0F0P-	SCOTTISH AIR 189 (D,S) (B Scriven) B Scriven 11-10-0	S Burrough (7)	96
12	0P6F-43	MORE ONE WAY 9 (D,G,S) (G Hussey) N Mitchell 7-10-0	Gee Armytage	92

Long handicap: Lulav 9-11, Scottish Air 9-8, More One Way 9-4.

BETTING: 15-8 Diamond Digger, 5-2 Prize Asset, 7-2 Dark Heritage, 6-1 Pantechnicon, 8-1 Akram, 12-1 others.

1987: SPRINGHOLM 5-11-0 R Dunwoody (5-2) D Nicholson 6 ran

FORM PANTECHNICON, driven out to beat DARK HERITAGE 1½l (same terms) at Taunton (2m 150yd, firm), with MORE ONE WAY (3lb better off) 5l further back in 4th and ST WILLIAM (2lb better off) tailed off.

DARK HERITAGE, possibly slightly below form that day, was an easy winner since, beating Mirage Dancer 8l at Plumpton (2m nov hurdle, firm).

DIAMOND DIGGER, 2½l 2nd to King Of The Lot at Stratford last time (2m, good); earlier, DIAMOND DIGGER was all out to beat Abbeybranay 1½l at Chepstow (2m good), with PANTECHNICON (4lb better off) 1l further back in 3rd.

AKRAM soon weakened when just over 4½l 4th of 7 to Inspany at Stratford last time (2m, good).

DALBURY was in need of the race when 9th to Redgrave Girl over hurdles at Newbury last time (2m 100y).

Selection: DARK HERITAGE

3.45 HOPEFUL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,475: 2m) (18 runners)

1	34-1	HOLLY BROWN 23 (G) (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 5-11-1	Peter Hobbs	94
2	60-3115	SOME DREAM 47 (D,BF,F) (B Attwood) E Wheeler 4-11-1	S Saltmarsh (7)	88
3		AKROTIRI BAY 8F (S Bates) D Wilson 4-10-10	K Mooney	—
4	P	ALLIED FORCE 19 (K Somerville) T Muggeridge 6-10-10	M Muggeridge (7)	—
7	6-	CHARLESTOWN 215 (Miss C Horler) Miss C Horler 4-10-10	G Upton (7)	—
10		CUMANA 31F (P Cundell) P Cundell 8-10-10	K Mooney	—
14	B204/P-	GIBBOUS MOON 19F (J Moreton) D Elsworth 6-10-10	R Arnott	—
17	P	LUCKY WAMPOA 37 (A Elliott) D Jermy 5-10-10	—	—
19	5	RARELY AT ODDS 30 (Mrs B Hammond) G Gracey 4-10-10	D Gallagher	—
20	0-	RATHFEIGH 220 (P Michel) D Murray-Smith 5-10-10	G Bradley	—
21	50/0-	RUNAWAY TRAIN 355 (P Parnell) R Hodges 5-10-10	B Powell	—
25		TALK OF GLORY 36F (Mrs C Gadsden) J White 7-10-10	K Burke	—
28	4P50-60	VICEROY MAJOR 6 (G) (Mrs C Moore) W Turner 5-10-10	A Jones	85
30	04550/2-	CAOIMHE 379 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 6-10-5	S Sherwood	87
31		COME HOME (G Davis) S Davis 5-10-5	P Hamer	—
32	0/06P-0	DIDNELPS 20 (G Wilcox) P Rodford 7-10-5	P McLoughlin (7)	—
33	0-0	JUDYS LINE 13 (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 4-10-5	Miss S Waterman	—
35	3232-05	SETTER COUNTRY 5 (D Barber) R Hodges 4-10-5	W Irvine (4)	● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Caoimhe, 7-2 Holly Brown, 9-2 Rathfeigh, 8-1 Gibbous Moon, 8-1 Some Dream, 10-1 Talk Of Glory, 12-1 Akrotiri Bay, 16-1 others.

1987: PRIME NUMBER 4-10-10 Miss G Armytage (16-1) R Armytage 15 ran

FORM CAOIMHE, a neck 2nd to The Bakewell Boy in a well-contested novice hurdle at Ascot last season (2m, good). He has to overcome a year-long absence, but is the outstanding choice on form.

HOLLY BROWN was driven out to beat Santella Pal 1½l at Fontwell last month (2m 2f, good).

GIBBOUS MOON, fit from a successful spell on the Flat, broke a blood vessel and was pulled up when favourite in his only start over hurdles last season at Devon (2m 1f, good to soft). Had run well in novice hurdles previously.

SOME DREAM, winner of early season novices hurdles at Newton Abbot and Devon, finished 14½l 5th of 16 to Velvet Pearl at Stratford on latest outing (2m, good to firm).

SETTER COUNTRY made late headway to finish 22½l 5th of 20 behind Bruton Street at Chepstow (2m, soft).

TALK OF GLORY, a fair middle-distance handicapper on the Flat, makes a belated hurdling debut.

Selection: CAOIMHE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
F Walwyn	9	38	23.7
D Elsworth	20	95	21.1
S Christian	5	26	19.2
D Nicholson	9	47	19.1
D Barons	11	68	16.2
J Old	3	23	13.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Bradley	6	20	30.0
K Mooney	10	60	16.7
S Sherwood	6	36	16.7
H Davies	14	99	14.1
J Frost	5	40	12.5
P Nicholls	4	34	11.8

UTTOXETER

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Ballydaly Express.
1.00 Clever Folly.
1.30 Lotus Island.
2.00 Bold In Combat.
2.30 Alaoui.
3.00 Bishopdale.
3.30 Old Malton.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.30 Out The Gap.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 CLEVER FOLLY.

Going: good

12.30 HOARCROSS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,075: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

2	146440	PALLAVICINA 6 (F) (J Jardine) W Clay 6-11-4	Diane Clay (4)	85
6		BALLYDALY EXPRESS 239 (S) (J Engineers (Wishaw) Ltd) G Richards 5-10-11	P Tuck	—
11	422-440	GOLDEN BAVARD 27 (Mrs C Proctor) C Tinsline 7-10-11	J Short	84
14	040-	MET STATION 230 (J Hancock) M Wilkinson 5-10-11	M Lynch	94
15		NEM CON (J Poynton) Mrs M Dickinson 4-10-11	J Osborne	—
21		TAPSTER LAD (Mrs J Lane) Mrs M Dickinson 4-10-11	G McCourt	—
22	6F/-00P	TARTAN TWILIGHT 27 (Mrs V Ward) Mrs V Ward 7-10-11	D Telfer (7)	—
23	40-	TEMPERABLE 10F (Advanced Technology UK) M Tompkins 4-10-11	S Smith Eccles	—
26	3200/	WESSEX 19F (Full Circle D Plc) N Tinkler 5-10-11	M Dwyer	—
31	3	NORWICH CASTLE 13 (I Jones) D Wintle 4-10-6	A Carroll	86
32	34P20/-0	QUEEN OF SWORDS 26 (L Briggs) R Hollinshead 5-10-6	P Scudamore	89
33	40	RAISE THE DAWN 20 (E Knape) B Cambidge 5-10-6	J Cambidge	—
34	P-P	REJECTED LADY 12 (E Steward) L Codd 7-10-6	B de Haan	—
35	4426-0	THE LAST TUNE 12 (J Casey) Miss A King 4-10-6	A Webb	● 99
37	04	WINNIE THE WITCH 19 (Oxford and County Roofing) Mrs I McKie 4-10-6	G Mernagh	82

BETTING: 7-2 Met Station, 5-1 The Last Tune, Nem Con, 13-2 Norwich Castle, 8-1 Temperable, 9-1 Wessex, 10-1 Ballydaly Express, Tapster Lad, 12-1 Winnie The Witch, 14-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1.0 JOHN PARTRIDGE LTD NOVICES CHASE (£2,303: 2m) (9 runners)

1	1121-21	CLEVER FOLLY 5 (D,F,S) (N Mason Ltd) G Richards 8-11-4	P Tuck	● 99
4	5F/P-264	BALLYTRENT 27 (D Shone) R Brotherton 8-11-12	G Hanmer	75
5		BAY SLEEVES (J McKechnie) R Peacock 9-10-12	R Marley	—
9	F20-005	DOBSONS CHOICE 19 (F,S) (Exors of the late) Mrs S Evans 10-10-12	D Tegg	88
10	F0000-F	ELITE BOY 43 (Mrs C Black) M Oliver 6-10-12	J Railton (7)	—
12	4-43215	HILL BEAGLE 54 (F,S) (N Brown) W Clay 8-10-12	J Doyle	—
13	P6FP0-4	PEARLY GLEN 28 (S) (Mrs F Winter) C Brooks 8-10-12	P Scudamore	88
14	0P002P-	PROUD SOLDIER 192 (P Talbot-Ponsonby) M Scudamore 5-10-12	M Perrett	76
15	32P3B2-	ROMERHOF 227 (S) (Calke Abbey Racing Plc) P O'Connor 7-10-12	—	94

BETTING: 6-4 Clever Folly, 7-2 Romerhof, 9-2 Pearly Glen, 5-1 Dobsons Choice, 9-1 Proud Soldier, 12-1 Ballytrent, 14-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1.30 SIGNAL RADIO SELLING HURDLE (£953: 2m) (12 runners)

1	06120-4	BEAULIEU BAY 6 (V,D,G) (R Jeffries) K Wingrove 4-11-5	Miss A Langton	93
3	5044P-3	FOREIGN KNIGHT 9 (B,D,F) (A Wakelam) R Juckes 4-11-5	—	92
4	0144-12	LOTUS ISLAND 31F (B,D,F,S) (Full Circle D Plc) N Tinkler 4-11-5	G McCourt	● 99
5	0024P-1	MY DERYA 12 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs H Akyurt) B McMahon 5-11-5	T Wall	94
6	3416F-0	UP THE LADDER 13 (CD,G) (Mrs H Hogben) D Wintle 4-11-5	A Carroll	95
11	0U59-0	COLD LASER 17 (J Nicholson) J Harris 4-10-12	J Harris	—
13	PPP-P34	GAELIC LOVER 17 (D Eaton) B Richmond 4-10-12	M Hammond	89
14	6000/0P-	ISLAND DANNY 352 (K Morrell) C Bell 5-10-12	J Osborne	—
15	056-	MAHTIS 219 (A Brewer (Pimbo & Hig) Ltd) R Dickin 4-10-12	M Jones (7)	88
17		PLUCK THAT DUCK 469F (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-10-12	D Murphy	—
20	0P-F0P	MAJESTIC EYR. 30 (B) (J Jones) B Pulling 4-10-7	C Evans	—
22	23	SAUNDERS LASS 42 (C Saunders Ltd) R Holder 4-10-7	N Coleman	86

BETTING: 3-1 Lotus Island, 4-1 My Derya, Saunders Lass, 11-2 Pluck That Duck, 8-1 Up The Ladder, 10-1 Beaulieu Bay, 12-1 Gaelic Lover, 14-1 others.

1987: BOXIT 4-10-0 Diane Clay (10-1) J Mackie 11 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M H Easterby	4	12	33.3
J Webber	14	49	28.6
M Scudamore	4	17	23.5
Mrs J Pitman	8	36	22.2
G Richards	8	40	20.0
J Mackie	3	16	18.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Dwyer	6	23	34.8
B de Haan	9	29	27.6
G Mernagh	12	46	26.1
P Tuck	6	23	26.1
G McCourt	9	39	23.1
	6	28	21.4

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 — B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F H flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.0 TOM CURRAN MEMORIAL TROPHY (Handicap chase: £2,532: 3m 2f) (10 runners)

2	F41316-	TENESAINT 203 (G,S) (C Saunders) C Saunders 7-11-12	Mrs J Saunders	97
4	0P132-U	RICH NICKEL 6 (B,S) (R Grimes) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-9	J Bryan	89
5	4-22343	OWEN GLENDOWER 22 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Spielman) R Holder 11-10-8	N Coleman	93
6	45211F-	REDGRAVE ROSE 184 (F,G,S) (K Bishop) K Bishop 8-10-5	R Greene (7)	91
7	5-23102	INKPEN 19 (B,D,F,S) (BTR & B Plc) M H Easterby 7-10-4	L Wyer	86
8	PP25R/-P	SHACKIN BRIG 12 (B,G) (Mrs C Gisborne) S Bowring 11-10-2	D Shaw	—
9	523602	BOLD IN COMBAT 7 (F,G) (J Browne Ltd) T Casey 5-10-2	—	98
10	46/-PU83	DELATOR 13 (D,S) (P Brewer) J Roberts 11-10-1	S Dowling	90
11	655508-	FURZEN HILL 220 (G,S) (Mrs P King) J King 9-10-0	D Tegg	90
12	0P3PP5-	WOODLANDS LAD 182 (CD,S) (P Pritchard) P Pritchard 13-10-0	—	● 99

Long handicap: Furzen Hill 9-12, Woodlands Lad 9-6.

BETTING: 10-3 Bold In Combat, 7-2 Tenesaint, 5-1 Rich Nickel, 6-1 Redgrave Rose, 15-2 Owen Glendower.

1987: DEEP SOUTH 8-10-8 M Dwyer (3-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6 ran

2.30 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,970: 2m) (12 runners)

1	12-13	ALAOUI 28 (F) (R Brown) Mrs S Oliver 6-11-0	R Hyett	● 99
2	63	ARTFUL ABBOT 7 (BF) (Peter S Thompson) J Webber 4-11-0	G Mernagh	87
3	P2/1-	BLAZE A TRAIL 437 (F) (R Gilder) J Glover 5-11-0	J J Quinn	—
4	3F	CLARES OWN 25 (J Upson) J Cosatto 4-11-0	E Buckley	—
5	0-	GOLDEN LANTERN 229 (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	M Pitman	—
6	205-F	GREENACRES LAD 6 (M Tabor) B McMahon 5-11-0	T Wall	91
7	P0	MY DAD JOHN 29 (Mrs L Birchall) E Owen Jun 4-11-0	D Skyrme (7)	—
9	640-0	PARSONS PLEASURE 8 (Mrs A Ewer) M Wilkinson 5-11-0	M Lynch	—
10	0	TARTAN TEMPEST 20 (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 5-11-0	P Tuck	—
11	66-5	THE TAN MAN 7 (J Foreman) A James 5-11-0	J Bryan	73
13	0	COLONIAL PRINCESS 29 (Mrs J Lilley) Mrs A Hewitt 4-10-9	M Williams	—
14		ELECTRIC PANIC (A Tolley Jnr) R Brotherton 4-10-9	G Hanmer	—

BETTING: 9-4 Alaoui, 3-1 Artful Abbot, 9-2 Greenacres Lad, 7-1 Parsons Pleasure, 8-1 The Tan Man.

1987: MONRITA 5-11-0 G Harker (4-1) D Lee 16 ran

3.0 ROMANOFF VODKA NOVICES CHASE (£2,706: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1	65-U151	BISHOPDALE 13 (CD,F,G,S) (R Causer) W A Stephenson 7-11-10	A Merrigan	● 99
3	0316-14	ICKWORTH 26 (D,BF,G,S) (Lord Bristol) Mrs D Haine 6-11-4	S Smith Eccles	86
4	F3-513F	MWEENISH 19 (CD,G) (P Thompson) J Webber 8-11-4	G Mernagh	83
7	300P-3P	ANOTHER BEEKER 12 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Valentine) C Brooks 6-10-12	P Scudamore	86
10	0/35345-	COMPTON PARK 250 (G) (Lord Vestey) J King 7-10-12	D Tegg	96
14	0606/-0P	FORT AGUADA 12 (H McEwen) W Morris 6-10-12	W Morris	—
17	0025P-0	MYSTERY CLOCK 14 (B,S) (Miss L Townsend) P Bailey 5-10-12	B de Haan	—
20	1/6P36-	SHEAN LAD 164 (G) (F Tyldesley) G Richards 8-10-12	P Tuck	—
25	UF34-60	WHITERIVER GROVE 7 (F,G) (Mrs K Hamer) Mrs G Jones 8-10-12	C Smith	82
26	P	BROWNE'S RETURN 13 (R Fabers) M Oliver 8-10-7	J Railton (7)	—
28	140140-	LONGRIVER LADY 152 (S) (D Brown) R Holder 5-10-7	N Coleman	—

BETTING: 3-1 Bishopdale, 7-2 Ickworth, 9-2 Mweenish, 8-1 Another Seeker, 8-1 Compton Park.

1987: ROYAL CEDAR 6-10-12 D Browne (11-4) Mrs M Rimell 6 ran

3.30 RACING POST SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,947: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

1	2236F3-	ROYAL CRACKER 175 (S) (Harlow Bros Ltd) T Bill 7-11-10	R Crank	95
2	U0411P-	CONTACT KELVIN 45F (C,D,G,S) (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 8-11-9	R Goldstein	90
5	0	BEAN BOY 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Easterby) M H Easterby 10-11-5	R Garritty (7)	—
6	4016-F5	PIRACY 12 (D,BF,G) (Mrs S Jones) Mrs D Haine 4-11-3	S Smith Eccles	92
7	103-113	OLD MALTON 7 (C,D,BF,G,S) (S V Wadsworth Limited) J M

RUGBY UNION

Knox stands out as Australians are extended by Scots

By David Hands

Edinburgh 19
Australians 25

The Australian management put its faith in what amounted to its second XV at Myreside yesterday and was rewarded with the victory the side so desperately needed. Style, to an extent, was secondary, though there was some of that, too, as Edinburgh, the district champions, went down by two goals, a try and three penalty goals to a try and five penalties.

In patches, several of the Australians enhanced their claim for international recognition though once more they betrayed an inability to concentrate for the full 80 minutes and lift their game to the standard required by a side with international pretensions. For players such as Cornish and Knox that was understandable: both have made only one previous appearance on tour because of injuries, yet played with confidence.

Knox, who has natural panache which makes him more impressive coming forward than running back in defence, helped himself to 17 points. His try, cutting back across the grain of the attack, was a pleasure to see.

Yet once more, the Australian line faltered on Walker's inability to deliver quick balls. added to what has become almost a vice – the desire of the backs to try the complicated moves before performing the basics. Edinburgh, who dominated the lineout for the first quarter, played to a limited plan, much of which revolved round the high balls and Lineen's ability to chase.

Given the enthusiasm of Steven and Debusk (who earned a neat try made for him by a quick pick-up from a scrum and blind-side thrust) on the wing, it might have made sense to bring them into play more frequently. Instead, as possession dried up, they became increasingly dependent upon Spence's goalkicking to keep in touch.

True, they had the misfortunate to lose Rafferty with a damaged nose in the first two minutes; this brought on Adamson, basically a lock, to join another lock, Price, in the back row, which left Calder somewhat exposed.

For the visitors Gourley, yet again, impressed, while Frawley and McCall, after they had run out their opposition, won some quality lineout balls, McCall living up to the reputation of promise with which he arrived. Nevertheless, the Australians might have trailed after the first quarter had Spence not taken three attempts to find the target from short-range penalties.

After Knox had put them level they were not headed again on a calm, mild day made for rugby. However, given their half-time advantage from 12-7, which very shortly became 16-7 after Carozza bumped-off two tacklers on the way to a try in, for him, the wrong corner of the field, they must have been disappointed not to place a firmer stamp of authority upon the game.

Three penalties in 16 minutes from Spence brought Edinburgh level and reflected the welter of awards which went towards the Scottish side in the second half.

But Knox steadied the ship, kicked a penalty and, having provided the initial inspiration for Carozza's try, performed the link work before Niuqila zig-zagged like a firecracker towards the try line for the score which ultimately proved decisive.

SCORERS: Edinburgh: Try: Debusk. Penalties: Spence (5). Australians: Tries: Knox, Carozza, Niuqila. Conversions: Knox (2). Penalty: Knox (3).

EDINBURGH: C Spence (Stewart's Melville FP); P Steven (Heriot's FP), S Hastings (Watsonians), S Lineen (Boroughmuir), M Debusk (Boroughmuir); D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), J Scott (Stewart's Melville FP); D Sole (Edinburgh Academicals), K Milne (Heriot's FP), I Milne (Heriot's FP, captain), J Calder (Stewart's Melville FP), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), E Simpson (Stewart's Melville FP), K Rafferty (Heriot's FP).

AUSTRALIANS: D Knox; A Niuqila, R Tombs, P Cornish, P Carozza; L Walker, B Burke (captain); R Lawton, T Lawton, E McKenzie, S Gourley; R McCall, D Frawley, D Carter, T Gavin.
Referee: A Trigg (England).

TENNIS: BRITISH PLAYER DEFIES ODDS AND MAKES NONSENSE OF RANKINGS



One to remember: a confident Bates replies to Forget with gusto at Wembley yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Gómez has no answer for Jelen

From Richard Evans
Stuttgart

Erik Jelen, Boris Becker's replacement in the Stuttgart Classic, continued his dominance over the Ecuadorian left-hander Andrés Gómez, winning 6-2, 6-3 on the second day of round robin matches. Gómez seemed philosophical about losing to the West German for the third time in succession but refuted suggestions that players do not try as hard in special events, such as the one Ion Tiriac has put together here for the city of Stuttgart.

"I don't like to lose and I don't think the other players do either," Gómez said. "We are always competitive, if you come down here early in the morning and see me practising with Lendl you will see we are trying to beat each other – even in practice. Obviously grand prix tennis is more serious but I came here with a commitment to play and therefore I play seriously."

Gómez is right about the competitive nature of the top players. Pride always plays a part in their performance, even if events like this lack the pressure of playing for ATP points.

Off court the social scene tends to be more fun too. Seven of the contestants, headed by Ivan Lendl and Jimmy Connors with a hobbling Becker in attendance, were taken to the Town Hall for a reception hosted by mayor Manfred Rommel, son of the famous field marshal.

He is a most engaging and humorous fellow whose self-deprecatory speech soon had the players in fits of laughter.

Bates refuses to flinch and dictates dance for Forget

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Jeremy Bates of Britain beat Guy Forget (France), 120 places above him in the world rankings, by 5-7, 6-3, 11-9 in the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley yesterday. The match lasted two hours and 58 minutes.

The third set was exhilarating. Bates, the odd game up, had a match point at 7-6 but needed four more at 10-9 before Forget, who had served 21 aces, presented him with the startling, terminal bonus of a double-fault. But Bates had worked for his luck. He saved three break points at 5-all and four at 8-all.

Bates did not have a sufficiently high ranking to earn a place in the draw on merit but - like Andrew Castle and Robert Seguso - was invited to fill one of the three places reserved for the discretion of the tournament committee. Admirably, he seized the chance to prove that he deserves better company than he usually has.

Forget is a tall, broad-shouldered but otherwise lean left-hander. Like Morris dancing, he was born in Morocco. For two sets he and Bates played much commonplace tennis, illuminated though it was by some deft touches and, occasionally, dazzling rallies.

The encouraging feature was the way Bates grew in confidence, made nonsense of the disparity in rankings, and refused to flinch in the face of adversity. He has seldom played better, especially in the rallies that most mattered.

In some respects these 13th Benson and Hedges championships have been every bit as unlucky as superstition suggested they might be. The three leading men on the original list of acceptances all dropped out and, yesterday, the second seed was beaten and the third seed had to withdraw.

Andrei Chesnokov's damaged right ankle did not permit him to come under starter's orders. Brad Gilbert was beaten 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 by Seguso. This was particularly frustrating for Gilbert because in the second set he had a break point for a 5-3 lead and four match points at 5-4.

There were howls of anguish from the frustrated Gilbert as, with the tie-break swiftly slipping away from him, a disconcerting line decision rubbed salt into the emotional wounds. In the third set he led 3-1. But you know how it is, some days: everything that glitters turns out to be fool's gold.

The sporadic outbursts of noise from this exciting match were sometimes distracting for Bates and Forget, who were engaged in an even tougher contest on the next court.

You will have gathered that - for all the defections arising from injury or the clashing tournament in Stuttgart - Wembley is producing some good tennis and thrilling matches. And what a pleasant change it was to have a British player defying the odds.

RESULTS: First round: T Wilkison (US) bt R Osterthun (WG), 6-3, 6-2; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-4, 6-1; M J Bates (GB) bt G Forget (Fr), 5-7, 6-3, 11-9. Second round: M Stolper (Cz) bt R Agenor (Hait), 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-2, 6-2; R Seguso (US) bt B Gilbert (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

Chance to win rather than look good losing

From Barry Wood, Nantes, France

Four members of Britain's defeated Wightman Cup team will endeavour to put those memories behind them when they begin their bid this evening for the European women's team competition here.

Although not too disheartened by some of their performances last week, they will be looking for victories here instead of merely looking good on the way to defeat.

"This is our chance to show we are one of the top countries in Europe," Clare Wood said. "We are seeded second and should do well, but there are a lot of good players here and nothing can be taken for granted."

She, along with Sara Gomer, Monique Javer and Julie Salmon, face the Soviet Union tonight who, as well as Leila Meskhi and Natalya Bykova, include two newcomers, Yevgenia Manyukova and Anna Mirza.

France, the holders, are also in Britain's group and are led by Catherine Tanvier, while the top seeds, West Germany, play Sweden and The Netherlands in the round robin competition which concludes on Sunday.

The Germans, who dramatically avoided relegation last year only by breaking serve in the final game of the deciding doubles, field four players from the top 100.

HOCKEY

Cambridge defeated by creative opposition

By Sydney Friskin

Hockey Association XI . 2
Cambridge University ... 0

The Hockey Association yesterday won the annual match against Cambridge University at Bisham Abbey after scoring a goal in each half. Its team could have done so more emphatically if their aim at goal had been steadier.

The winning side had more creative forwards, with Krishman and Cross doing the most work and sharing the spoils, inspired from behind by Jagdesh Barber. Cambridge, with only three Blues from last year in the side, lost their way a bit, obviously feeling the loss of Brayshaw, who is injured.

Krishman put the Association ahead in the 14th minute from their first short corner. Seizing the ball on the right of the circle as it ran loose, he drove home a well-placed shot.

By the end of the first half, Cambridge had also been awarded two short corners, but they had only one shot from open play, in the 27th minute, when Jones at centre forward called on Forshaw to make a smart save.

For the first 15 mintues of the second half, Cambridge were pinned to their own 25-yard area and had trouble keeping the opposition out of the circle, as the short corners were earned with greater frequency by the Association, who increased their lead when Cross hit the back board with a powerful shot.

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI: A Forshaw (Formby, sub: D Luckes, East Grinstead); J Charles (Bournville), A Waldock (Coventry and North Warwickshire), Jagdesh Barber (Southgate, captain) G Bambury (Oxford University), A Deyan (Barford Tigers), J Pidcock (Neston), P Krishman (Old Loughtonians) S Avery (Hevant), A Holmes (London University), M Cross (Bromley).
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: T Castledine (King Henry VIII, Coventry, and Queen's); R Atherton (Merchant Taylors', Crosby, and Downing), *B McKee (Bangor GS and Robinson), P Simmonds (Cheltenham College, and Hughes Hall), D Grady (King Edward's, Five Ways, and Fitzwilliam), S Ogle (Manchester GS, and Claire), *E Castenskield (Bedford School, and Magdalene, captain), *G Higgin (Royal Belfast Institute, and Clare), T Wilson (Sullivan Upper, and Jesus), B Jones (Dulwich College, and St John's), B Priestly (Tonbridge, and Trinity Hall).
Umpires: R Nourse and M Hudson (Eastern Counties).
* denotes a Blue.

SNOOKER

Hearing for Matchroom rule flouting

Steve Davis, the world champion, and six of his fellow-Matchroom professionals are expected to be disciplined for the first time today when Gavin Lightman QC, the independent adjudicator, considers their refusal to attend interviews at the recent Rothmans Grand Prix because of Matchroom's *legal* dispute with the company (Steve Acteson writes).

Davis, the champion, Jimmy White, Neal Foulds, Terry Griffiths, Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne and Tony Meo all flouted the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association rule to attend media interviews. It is now up to Lightman to decide what punishment, if any, should be imposed.

Oxford's Australian colony suffers disaffected dismay

By David Hands

While the Australians have wended their not entirely successful way through England, an antipodean colony at Oxford University has watched with a degree of dismay: "Even though you're not part of the team, you're still Australian and you want them to do well," Brian Smith said.

Smith is one of the university's three Australian internationals – Ian Williams and Troy Coker are the others – who, together with Alex Cameron, the secretary and flanker, and Rob Egerton, the full back, who won his blue last year form a hard Wallaby core among the Dark Blues.

Under other circumstances, Williams, a Kobe Steel scholar at St Catherine's, would have been part of the touring side. But his academic commitments could not be postponed.

Smith's position is less well-defined. He is arguably one of the most talented players in Australia, having played seven international matches in every position apart from centre behind the scrum. He was a member of last year's World Cup squad and was chosen this year in the Australian team which played a World XV in Sydney in May.

In that match he scored 26 points but did not win selection in either of the internationals against England which followed,



Smith: keen to be recalled

or in the three-match series with New Zealand. It suggested to him that his face did not fit and, if that was the case, he should take up the place offered him at St Anne's College.

"I felt after the game against the World XV that if I was going to crack it, that would be it," Smith, aged 21, said. "But then when Michael Lynagh was injured, Lloyd Walker got in, and there seemed to be a difference of opinion, so I jumped at the chance to come to Oxford."

The situation is made more complex by the personalities in the background, of Alan Jones and Bob Dwyer, the past and present coaches to the national side. Smith, and Coker, were brought into the Australian squad by Jones; Smith followed Perry, his brother, from Queensland to Sydney to play for Manly, the club formerly coached by Jones. For better or worse he has been labelled a protégé of Jones though Dwyer says: "I went to great lengths to make sure he felt comfortable within the team though Brian may have felt that, because he had been close to Jones, we would be at arm's length."

A stress fracture of the foot could have been ignored for a period, Smith says. But in the circumstances, he decided might as well receive attention which required a month away from rugby in the middle of this year – and Australia's international programme.

While he made his name initially as a scrum half, Smith is equally at home at stand-off half which proved a problem area for the Australians until they summoned Lynagh as a late addition to the tour. "I look forward to playing high-level representative rugby again, but at this stage there isn't a spot for me at home," said Smith.

Smith is a man of diverse accomplishments and has recently taught himself the guitar. It would be good to think that, if any differences do exist between player and selectors, the sides can come together in harmony so that Smith's ability and pursuit of excellence may serve the national interest once more.

Selection day for coach

By David Hands

The Rugby Football Union's coaching committee meets today and on the agenda is the appointment of the coach for England's first under-21 team. It is an important decision since the successful applicant must be regarded as a potential senior national coach.

England's first international at this age level will be played against Romania in Bucharest next May on the day that the senior XV play Romania. John Elliott, the former Nottingham hooker who has been a national selector for the past 15 months, will chair the under-21 selection panel.

In many ways the junior structure will mirror that at senior level. "We have to establish a system whereby we don't lose anyone." Elliott said. "The biggest difference with the seniors is the separation between student players and the rest and we hope that, sometime next year, there will be a game played between a student under-21 XV and a XV drawn from the four divisions, which will be in the nature of a final trial before selection for Romania."

An under-21 county championship is in progress; later the North will play the Midlands and London will meet the South-West. The difficulty is that some divisions may wish, not unnaturally, to field their strongest side which would include student players. In that case another promising player emerging via the county scene may not get the appropriate exposure.

Worrell and Hanson make the difference

By Michael Stevenson

Chester College 31
Trent Polytechnic..... 4

A storming performance from Simon Worrell at centre, and Mike Hanson, their rumbustious flanker, helped Chester College to convincing victory by a goal, four tries, and three penalties to a single try.

Trent played with spirit but lacked the pace and cohesion of the winners despite an admirable display from Burchall, at full back, and Guy, in their back row.

Chester were soon on the attack and, following a run by Worrell, Trent offended at the first ruck and Evans kicked the penalty. He kicked another soon after to put Chester further ahead, as Trent struggled to find confidence and rhythm.

Chester's first try followed a strong thrust down the right wing by Wilkinson; the ruck was won slickly and precise passing put Hursey in on the other wing. The reliable Evans then added a third penalty.

Gradually Trent fought their way back and Woodward scored after a neat chip by Cowie, but a similar try for Chester closely preceded the interval. Evans kicked high. Trent muddled the clearance behind their goal posts and Edwards appreciatively scored, though unaccountably Evans missed the conversion.

A long period of arid play in the second half was forgotten when a Chester handling move ended with a break and try by Worrell, which Evans converted. Chester's clear cut superiority was then demonstrated by a brace of bustling forward tries touched down by Hanson.

SCORERS: Chester: Tries: Hursey, Edwards, Worrell, Hanson (2). Penalties: Evans (3). Conversion: Evans. Trent: Try: Woodward.

CHESTER: D McGurk; M Wilkinson, P Phillips, S Worrell, A Hursey; N Evans, S Ross, P Edwards, D Tozer, A Proctor, M Hanson, S Pugh, N Robertson, A Denham, S Hudley.

TRENT: J Burchall; M Schofield, B Stephenson, J Ishersood, G Woodward; A Cowie, A Owen, B Reynolds, J Hinc, D Griffiths, I Guy, G Cornish, P Morris, M Hall, R Gander.
Referee: N Shenton (Liverpool and dist).

Captain under a curse

Lille – The curse of Nantes has struck again (Chris Thau writes). As in 1985, after the game against Japan, Philippe Dintrans, the French captain, finds himself sidelined with an injury just after the match in Nantes. In 1985 it was a spinal injury; yesterday it was a badly bruised leg ligament.

The French hooker left the field at the first training period in Lille limping badly on Tuesday. Philippe Marocco will replace him in the second international against Argentina tomorrow. Marocco has spent his international career at loose-head prop but he played twice at hooker during the summer tour of Argentina.

The captaincy issue was decided last night. Three men were in contention: Serge Blanco, Henri Sanz, and Laurent Rodriguez, the No. 8. Jacques Fouroux, the national coach, chose Rodriguez.

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FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield v Barnsley; West Bromwich Albion v Derby County (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: NatWest Trophy: Crystal Palace v Solent (8.0).
RACKETBALL: South of England singles championships (Bromley, Kent)
TENNIS: Benson and Hedges championships (Wembley).

SPORT ON TV

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS: BBC2 3.00 p.m.; 11.20 p.m. The Benson and Hedges championship from Wembley.

SQUASH RACKETS

Cannons have slender lead

By Colin McQuillan

The superiority of UTC Cannons and Mayflower Lambs in this season's American Express Premier League has been established after only four fixtures.

Cannons took marginal League leadership by virtue of their 5-0 drubbing of the Jim Hall Northern squad from Manchester this week, while Lambs overturned the previous leaders, Fin Simod Herts, 4-1. Both London clubs stand on 19 points, four points clear of James Capel Ardleigh in third place, although Cannons have a game in hand.

With the top Pakistanis, Jahangir and Jansher Khan, electing to play for large fees in the second division, Chris Dittmar, of Australia, has so far dominated the League as first string for Lambs, this week adding the scalp of Philip Kenyon by 9-5, 9-4, 9-5 to his tally in London.

Ross Norman, the New Zealand World No. 4 and former world champion, who has led Cannon's through five national League seasons, talks of himself as a Londoner. He went to Manchester this week to defeat Chris Robertson, of Australia, 9-5, 5-9, 9-2, 9-3, although the more significant result in the tie was domestic.

Jamie Hickox, four times the British under-23 Open champion but long in maturing to genuine senior national prominence, celebrated his promotion to No. 2 on this week's English ranking list by beating Geoff Williams, the 1984 British champion.

Hickox, aged 24, a dual Canadian citizen who opted for English squash status when selected for the 1985 World championships in Cairo, will almost certainly be second favourite behind the defending champion. Del Harris, for the national championships in Bristol later this month. Harris defeated Paul Millington 9-0, 4-9, 9-5, 10-8 at first string in this week's 4-1 victory by Ardleigh over Serviscope Thornbridge.

Seeding at Bristol may also be influenced by the progress of Stuart Hailstone, the Zimbabwean-born Scottish No. 1, who this week defeated the former national champion, Gawain Briars, 9-1, 6-9, 9-5, 9-6 in Swansea as his Village Hotels side lost 2-3 to Leekes Welsh Wizards.

The Wizards' decision to play their home fixtures at different Welsh clubs each fortnight may have contributed to that scoreline. Ahmed Taher, the young Egyptian champion who normally plays at second string for Village, is known to have arrived at Cardiff Station on the night of the match but lost his way.

RESULTS: American Express Premier League First Division: Mayflower Lambs 4, Fin Simod Herts 1; UTC Cannons 5, Jim Hall Northern 0; Leekes Welsh Wizards 3, Village Hotels 2; James Capel Ardleigh 4, Serviscope Thornbridge 1.

	P	W	L	Pts
UTC Cannons	3	3	0	19
Mayflower Lambs	4	3	1	18
James Capel Ardleigh	4	2	2	15
Fin Simod Herts	4	2	2	14
JHS Northern	4	2	2	13
Welsh Wizards	4	2	2	12
Castlemaine Weston	3	1	2	9
Village Hotels	3	1	2	8
Thornbridge	3	0	3	3

Incentives for Harris

Del Harris, the British champion, will defend his title in Bristol later this month for a potential maximum reward of £350,000 (Colin McQuillan writes). Three days later he will begin a 10-match challenge match series against Jahangir Khan, the world champion, carrying total prize-money of £40,000.

Scheduled to appear at clubs as far apart as Avon and Durham from December 4 to December 15, with just two days off in the 11-day Olympic Gold UK Challenge series, Harris is guaranteed minimum earnings of £60 per second.

Harris, aged 19, is already thought to have earned more than £100,000 since he unexpectedly lifted the national title last year. In that time he has risen 82 places to tenth in the world rankings.

At a similar stage last year, the Colchester player took on Jansher Khan, then world champion, in a six-match series from which he gleaned just one game and almost no income.

"I have played Jahangir twice and got a game from him each time," Harris said yesterday. "I expect to learn from this challenge just as I did from Jansher."

The challenge concept is part of a plan developed by Harris's manager, Norman Norrington, to keep his player in constant touch with top competition. "We feel he is actually the fifth-best player in the world at the moment and this sort of sustained pressure is what he must master to eventually beat the two Khans and Australia's Chris Dittmar," he said.

After the series Harris will go on holiday in Barbados.

TABLE TENNIS

Swiss next in line for Andrew

By Richard Eaton

Skylet Andrew, last week's conqueror of the leading Yugoslav, Zoran Primorac, in the Italian Open, hopes to add to his growing list of successes when he lines up for England in the second European League match of the season against Switzerland at Winznau today.

Andrew, unbeaten in six European League matches last season, will also hope to be on the winning side as England mount another attempt to climb into the Super Division.

The other singles spots will be taken by Carl Prean, the national top 12 champion, and Alison Gordon, the England number one. Nicky Mason, who last week beat the European silver medal winner, Andrei Mazunov, of the Soviet Union, may come into contention for the men's and mixed doubles.

Despite picking a young and in-form team, however, England may need to play well to beat the Swiss, who are no pushovers at home, and are particularly experienced in men's singles.

England may be encouraged by the efficiency with which they despatched Finland 7-0 in the opening match at Bracknell last month.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Statement on Bentley has a familiar ring

By Keith Macklin

After failing to sign the Welsh international rugby union player, Mark Ring, Hull Kingston Rovers have turned their attention to the Sale and England centre, John Bentley. Ben Greaves, the vice-chairman of the Hull club, said yesterday: "We have put our terms to Bentley and he has asked for more time to consider them."

This is an ominous development, since Ring gave exactly the same reply, and then issued a statement denying the fact that he had been negotiating with the Craven Park club.

Bentley has been the target of several rugby league clubs, including Leeds and Salford, during the past two seasons.

● Bradford Northern have been fined £1,000 for fielding a weakened side in the British Coal Nines at Wigan. The board of directors of the Rugby League, at its meeting in Leeds yesterday, issued a statement that Northern had brought the game into disrepute by not fielding the squad named in the official programme. Their team was "of a strength not commensurate with the major status of the competition." Consequently, Northern will have £1,000 deducted from the £2,000 they are due to receive as first-round losers.

● Steve Donlan, the Chorley Borough and former Leigh and Bradford Northern centre, has decided to retire from the game after fracturing his cheekbone for the second time in Borough's home game with Runcorn Highfield on Sunday.

● Paul Shaw, Salford's Australian half-back who was detained in hospital overnight afte the buffeting he received at St Helens, is expected to be fit to play in the John Player Cup tie at Halifax on Sunday.

FISHING

Killings add sour note to Cornish acid spill

By Conrad Voss Bark

On July 6 this year, some 20,000 people in the Camelford area of Cornwall were poisoned by an acid solution in their drinking water when aluminium sulphate was poured by mistake into the wrong tank at a water treatment works.

The acid caused mouth ulcers, sickness, skin rashes, and in some cases it was reported that people's hair turned green. In addition, one of Cornwall's famous game fishing rivers, the Camel, was badly polluted.

A detailed and very thorough environmental report from South West Water published this week says that between 43,000 and 61,000 young salmon and sea trout were killed by the acid. It will mean a reduction of several hundred adult salmon and sea trout returning to the river during the next three years.

South West Water has taken full responsibility for the damage and proposes to negotiate with the seven licensed netsmen on the Camel to stop commercial fishing for three years. Other measures to rehabilitate the river include strenuous efforts to improve spawning areas. Local fishing clubs will be asked to limit their catches during the emergency.

It may be a long time before any estimate is possible of the bill facing South West Water for the overall environmental and social damage.

In the Commons last week the Environment Secretary, Nicholas Ridley, rebuked magistrates in Devon and Cornwall for being too lenient towards farmers who polluted rivers. He said they were fined an average of £140, which was well below the £2,000 maximum. They should be fined more, he added.

West country farmers might well wonder what kind of penalty the Environment Secretary would think appropriate for poisoning 20,000 people and killing up to 60,000 fish.

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Card scheme a tough approach to hooliganism

By John Goodbody

The Government yesterday unveiled its football membership scheme which will force more than five million spectators to carry identity cards if they want to watch any League, FA Cup or Littlewoods Cup games from the spring of 1990.

The report, commissioned by the Prime Minister after the violence at the European Championship in June, is the latest and toughest attempt to eradicate hooliganism. Last season it led to 6,147 arrests inside League grounds, widespread disturbances in city centres and on transport and cost the public an estimated £30 million in police time.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, and chairman of the working party which produced the report, said: "Violent incidents have continued this season, both inside and outside the ground. This cannot be allowed to continue. The national membership scheme offers the prospect of breaking the link, of ending the role of football as a focus for hooliganism and violence."

The report of the working party, which included representatives of the Government, the Football League, the Football Association and the police, will now be incorporated in legislation for the next session of parliament. In the House of Commons, opposition MPs will argue that the planned scheme is an infringement of personal liberty, will not solve the problem of hooliganism, and will aggravate the financial plight of many clubs.

The working party's main recommendations are:

● The national scheme will be administered by the Football Membership Authority (FMA) with information about all members being held on a central computer.

● Membership cards should include the following information: the member's name, a photograph, a membership number, the date of expiry, the name of the club nominated. They will be readable electronically and valid for two or three seasons only. It will be possible to use the computer to segregate rival fans and also visitors who are members of other clubs.

● The criteria for withdrawing or withholding cards (using current information on known troublemakers) will include: the conviction for football related offences. The bans will be either two or five years but discretionary criteria, operated by the FMA will also be able to decide whether to impose bans and for how long.

● Two new criminal offences should be created: 1. False application for membership. 2. For gaining or attempting to gain entry to grounds without a valid membership card.

● The government and police are satisfied that the technologies available to implement the scheme which will include: a computerized central register, a computer at each club, and card readers at turnstyles (possibly portable).

● Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, will have the power to warn clubs and ultimately to withdraw their licence if they do not implement the scheme.

Moynihan dismissed objections of football clubs and the football authorities whose opposing views are documented in the report. He described the clubs as "heel dragging the manner in which many introduced partial membership schemes was unacceptable." He said that if the clubs carry through the scheme then "it would be a very convincing argument to UEFA, the European governing body, that they have taken every possible step to eradicate hooliganism in their attempt to be readmitted to Europe."

English clubs have been barred from the three European competitions since the Heysel stadium disaster in May 1985 when 39 people died after rioting by Liverpool supporters. It was after that incident at the European Cup final that Mrs Thatcher first suggested clubs should introduce 100 per cent membership schemes.

Although Moynihan accepted that some clubs could lose spectators in the short term he argued that the 20 per cent reduction claimed by some officials including Ken Friar, of Arsenal, is an exaggeration. He cited Luton Town which has operated a members-only scheme for home League matches as demonstrating that although the crowds have initially declined they are now almost as high as when visiting spectators were permitted to enter Kenilworth Road.

He also said that the argument that football could not afford the planned measures would fall on "deaf ears". He said that it was a "nonsense argument" considering that the League had recently signed a record £44 million television contract for the screening of games.

He added: "This scheme would only cost a small percentage of that and there are companies who are willing to introduce it for nothing."

FOOTBALL: FOREST MANAGER LOOKS AHEAD TO ENGLAND'S CHOICE OF GOALKEEPER FOR THE 1990 WORLD CUP

Clough supports call for understudy to fill Shilton's gloves

By Dennis Shaw

Brian Clough has supported Bobby Robson's policy of introducing young goalkeepers ready to replace Peter Shilton when his distinguished career has to end. "I would be the last one to write Peter Shilton off," the Nottingham Forest manager said.

"But he can't go on forever."

Clough, who 11 years ago made Shilton Britain's costliest goalkeeper when he bought him from Stoke for £270,000, yesterday cast doubts on whether Shilton could hold his England place for the 1990 World Cup if required.

"As good as Peter is Bobby Robson is spot-on in preparing inexperienced goalkeepers for the international scene," Clough added. "You never know when they might have to go in."

Robson has left Shilton out of next week's squad for England's friendly in Saudi Arabia when David Seaman, of Queen's Park Rangers, and David Beasant, of Newcastle United, fill the goalkeeping slots.

"In football we all know that players who are 20 recover from injuries and are less prone to them in the first place than players who are 10 years older," Clough said.

"By 1990, Peter will be in his forties.

"If I were Bobby Robson I would be looking at other players, in other positions as well, because it is no use trying to groom replacements when it is too late."

Shilton made over 200 league appearances for Forest, twice helping them win the European Cup, before being sold to Southampton.

"Eighteen months is a long time in football, especially for a goalkeeper who is already 39," Clough said.

"If he remains in good nick in 18 months time that's fine. But it would be better to know there are two others capable of coming through.

"It may be a blessing in disguise that Robson cannot take Chris Woods to Saudi Arabia next week. It will give one of the others the opportunity to show what he can do."

Neither Shilton nor Arthur Cox, the manager of Derby County, would comment last night on Clough's comments.



Getting older: Peter Shilton who has been England's custodian for nearly two decades

Baxter to strike at chance

By a Special Correspondent

Stephen Baxter, a floor manager in the best known sportshop in Belfast, is working hard at his other job. He wants to topple Martin McGaughey, the former Northern Ireland forward, from his perch.

Baxter, aged 23, who was called up by Linfield when McGaughey was hurt last month, has scored three goals in four games to help them into the semi-finals of the Roadferry Cup.

It is an exciting return to first-team duty. But Baxter is honest enough to ask — how long will it last?

"I know I must keep scoring to have any chance of retaining the shirt. It is goals that count in my position," he said. "Martin's a past master at that and when he recovers I'll be out unless I prove they cannot do without me."

McGaughey winner of Europe's Silver Boot scoring award in 1985 hit 42 last season and is both respected and feared by the opposition. But he does seem injury prone, which would give Baxter his chance.

Stephen, a six-footer, is the most unlikely of forwards, gentle, courteous but deadly in the penalty area.

"I haven't let myself down since I came back and that's pleasing. But I know I must produce the goods to stay in the team rather than on the bench.

"I haven't won a League medal yet and I was hoping that this might be the right time. It's a dream."

In the other semi-final, both to be played next week, Glentoran meet Portadown in yet another town and country revenge match. Portadown robbed Glentoran of their unbeaten domestic run only a fortnight ago and Glenavon beat Linfield in only the second match of the season, the last time Linfield have been beaten in 19 games.

Taylor can afford to back Venables

By Dennis Shaw

Aston Villa's part in the redistribution of power in the first division has placed Graham Taylor, their manager, in a position which Terry Venables at Tottenham Hotspur must envy. Taylor took Saturday off to attend his daughter's graduation at Nottingham University, yet his side confidently held Manchester United to a draw at Old Trafford.

Venables cannot turn his back for fear of fresh setbacks overtaking the team he has so far failed to regenerate despite his multi-million pound rebuilding programme. "The turning point will come for Tottenham somewhere, you can be sure of that," Taylor said, though he offers no quick route out of the quagmire for Venables.

"It is not always the best set of players who become the best team. I've experienced the truth of this at Watford. When you can find players with some ability, they can be moulded into a successful unit," he said.

Taylor uses the first division table, with Norwich City and Millwall among the pacemakers, as proof that team moulding can be more effective than team building.

Villa's point at Old Trafford was the fiftieth Taylor's teams have won away from home in the 26 league matches since he began their promotion campaign last season. "It was also the most satisfying result since I came here," he said.

This season Villa have played all five of the leaders in the financial league — Arsenal, Liverpool, Everton, Tottenham and Manchester United — and have not lost to any. They won at Highbury, drew at home to Liverpool and beat Tottenham and Everton at Villa Park. "I suppose had a super league come about we would be somewhere near the top, but realistically we only prove our true strength against all 19 clubs in the first division," Taylor said.

Silence at Ipswich on Lowe

John Duncan, the Ipswich Town manager, last night refused to comment on speculation that his forward, David Lowe, was about to join West Ham United in a £500,000 deal. Duncan, who has been chasing a number of defenders recently, said: "I have nothing to say on the subject."

Lowe has been in dispute with the club over a new contract and it is believed that the West Ham manager, John Lyall, is prepared to put one of his defenders, Paul Hilton, up as bait.

The speculation was increased during Tuesday's 3-1 win over Walsall when Lowe, who had had an excellent game, was substituted 15 minutes from the end.

"The switch was only designed to give our young winger, Chris Kiwomya, a run around," Duncan said. "We already had the game won."

● The Crystal Palace manager, Steve Coppell, has strengthened his forward line by signing Alex Dyer, the Hull City left winger, for a five-figure fee. The London-born Dyer, who makes his debut for Palace at Bournemouth on Saturday, started as a Watford apprentice six years ago. The 22-year-old made 108 appearances for Blackpool before joining Hull in February, 1987, for £37,000.

● Ian Bogie, the midfield player who was expected to step into Paul Gascoigne's shoes at Newcastle United, has asked for a transfer.

Everton's misery continues apace

Everton's miserable start to the season continued tonight when they were held to a 1-1 draw at Goodison Park by second division Oldham in the third round of the Littlewoods Cup.

Everton had gone ahead after 19 minutes through a Trevor Steven penalty, after Steven himself had been bundled over by Roger Palmer.

But the Oldham forward, Andy Ritchie, hit back to equalise after 51 minutes to force a replay at Boundary Park on November 29.

Danny Wallace, the Southampton forward, showed more of the form that won him an England cap as his second-half treble put out division two battlers Stoke in the first round of the Simod Cup.

Stoke had denied Saints in the first half but reserve goalkeeper Scott Barrett was finally beaten in the 48th minute and Wallace went on to complete his treble with goals in the 77th and 83rd minutes.

Watford needed extra time to see off the challenge of second division rivals Leicester in the first round of the Simod Cup.

With no goals in normal time, strikes from Glyn Hodges and a Gary Porter penalty saw Watford home.

The second division club, Sunderland, dumped Charlton out of the competition with a 42nd minute goal by Marco Gabbiadini at Selhurst Park, in front of only 1,666 fans, while Portsmouth came from behind to beat second division rivals Hull 2-1 at Fratton Park.

Ipswich ended a run of five consecutive League defeats with a 3-1 home victory over Walsall, John Wark scoring his first goals since returning to the club from Liverpool with a brace from the penalty spot.

Aldershot, second from bottom of division three, picked up only their second win of the season as high-flying Sheffield United came crashing down to earth at the Recreation Ground.

The on-loan Crystal Palace forward, Steve Claridge, got the only goal after 19 minutes while goalkeeper Tony Lange performed miracles to keep out second-placed United as their pressure brought 18 corners.

A twelfth-minute goal from the full back, George Burley, ended a run of 12 consecutive defeats for Gillingham, giving Keith Burkinshaw his first success as manager with a 1-0 win over Blackpool.

Leaders Wolves left it late to stretch their lead to five points at the top of the table, an 89th minute goal from Andy Mutch sealing the points at home to Bristol City.

Kerr in plaster

Paul Kerr, the Middlesbrough midfield player, is to have his injured ankle put in plaster for two weeks.

FA to study Ferguson report on Fashanu

The Football Association confirmed yesterday that it had received the Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson's report about the alleged assault by the Wimbledon forward, John Fashanu, on Viv Anderson after the Littlewoods Cup tie at Plough Lane last week.

An FA spokesman said: "We have received Mr Ferguson's report through the post and will decide our next course of action in the next few days after having examined it."

A date for the appeal of Tottenham, who had two League points deducted because their White Hart Lane ground was not ready for the start of the season, will be set shortly, he added.

● Two Luton players went into hospital yesterday for operations on injuries. The defender, Tim Breacker, will undergo surgery today for a hernia and will be out of action for at least six weeks; and the midfield player, Darron McDonough, will have a minor ankle operation and is likely to be out for at least a month.

Belgrade (Reuter) — John Neumann, the PAOK Salonika coach, punched the referee in the second round second leg Korac Cup basketball match against Crvena Zvezda when the Yugoslavs levelled the aggregate scores against the Greeks in extra time and the tie was abandoned.

ATHLETICS

Americans to take on USSR in plum Birmingham date

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

The Second City is closing fast in athletics terms. The British Amateur Athletic Board is to move to Birmingham early next year; and the city will also host some prestigious events.

The Olympic Trials, under the guise of the Amateur Athletic Association and Women's Amateur Athletic Association championships, were held at Alexander Stadium last summer. Next year, the same meeting will serve as the Commonwealth Games trials for England, from August 9 to 11.

But it is one of the most exciting fixtures on next year's world calendar — a year without a major championship — that really catches the imagination. A match between the United Kingdom, the United States, the Soviet Union and West Germany is scheduled for Alexander on June 23 and 24. It is understood that the Turner Broadcasting System (TBS) in interested in carrying transmission of the match on its cable network in the United States, which would provide the money for a strong American team to face its biggest rival in world athletics — the Soviet Union.

Such a match would be a natural for TBS, since Ted Turner, its owner, as organizer of the Goodwill Games has personal relationships with Soviet sports bodies on one hand and The Athletics Congress (TAC), the United States track and field federation, on the other. There would doubtless be some counter arrangement for British and West German athletes to attend the next Goodwill Games, in Seattle in 1990. The first Goodwill Games were held in Moscow in 1986.

A potential third fixture for Birmingham is the Commonwealth Games marathon trial. The Birmingham Centenary marathon, sponsored by Vax, is already scheduled for September 24. That race is one of three tendering to the AAA road running committee (which meets in Birmingham on Saturday) to be the English trial. The other two are Liverpool and Humberside.

Since the Commonwealth Games will be held in Auckland in February 1990, it has already been decided that next year's London marathon, on April 23, is too early to be a selection race. After six years as the trial for major championships, London must concede.

Liverpool and Humberside are established races, but the amount of money that Birmingham has in reserve (the £10,000 first prize would probably be increased to £20,000 in the event of getting the trial) may influence the decision. The Welsh would also be likely to use Birmingham as their Commonwealth trial if it were selected by England.

The future of Birmingham as a venue for major events already seems secure. With the national indoor stadium under construction in the city centre, it is logical that the BAAB offices should move there.

YACHTING

Entry grows apace in America's Cup

By Barry Pickthall

A record 23 clubs, including four from Britain, entered challenges for the America's Cup before the 8 a.m. deadline yesterday. The clubs represent 10 countries — another record — to show that interest in this multi-million pound event remains strong.

This mood prevails despite the recent Cup farce between Dennis Conner's catamaran and New Zealand's beaten monohull, and the fact that the venue for the next event, planned for 1991, has yet to be decided by the New York Supreme Court.

The challengers met in London and selected the Royal Perth YC as challenger of record and agreed to form a 75ft class to replace the 12-metre yachts that have ruled since 1958.

Four clubs, Graham Walker's Crusade YC, the Italian YC Costa Smeralda, the Tallinn YC and the Secret Cove YC, Canada, challenged Royal Perth for the prestigious role of organizing the challenger trials and negotiating terms with the San Diego YC, the holders. Yet a close vote saw the previous holders gain favour.

There was greater unity for the increased size in yachts. The rules are being finalised this week and was accepted 11 to three.

"We're quite excited with the proposals," Tom Ehman, the Californian club representative, said on the light displacement designs proposed yesterday by Britain's Blue Arrow group. The challengers also agreed to call for on-the-water referees to adjudicate races, and decided on a figure-of-eight slalom course involving a beat, run and three reaching legs, to replace the Olympic triangle course.

CHALLENGERS: Britain: Isis Corinthian YC, Crusade YC, Port Pendennis YC, Royal Burnham YC. Australia: Cruising Club of Australia, Ocean Racing Club of Australia, Royal Perth YC, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Canada: Secret Cove YC. Denmark: Royal Danish YC. France: Societe Nautique de Sete, YC de France-Sete, YC du Rhone. Italy: YC Costa Smeralda, Campagnia Della Vela. Japan: Bengal Bay YC, Nippon Ocean Racing Club. Sweden: Stenungsbaden YC. Soviet Union: Leningrad YC, Odessa YC, Pob YC, Tallin YC. West Germany: Deutscher America's Cup Verein

● The Soviet Union and Poland have asked sail training vessels from the West to race there for the first time. Officials from Tallinn, in Estonia, and Gdynia, in Poland, both told the Sail Training Association in London yesterday that vessels in the Cutty Sark tall ships races would be welcome there in the future.

Eastern bloc vessels have been competing in the Cutty Sark races since 1981, but until now the 100-strong fleet has never been invited to Soviet ports. Vice Admiral Sir George Vallings, the STA chairman, said the organizers would consider sending the races there in 1992.

BOXING

Former trainer joins in verbal war with Tyson

as Vegas (Reuter) — Mike yson's estranged trainer says iat the heavyweight champion "spoiled rotten and in danger f becoming just another fat ghter."

In an interview with Reuter, evin Rooney, Tyson's trainer or the last few years, jumped ead-first into the months-long attle raging for Tyson's heart, iind and money.

Andthat battle includes the amboyant promoter, Don ing.

"You better watch yourself," ooney warned Tyson. "You're lling into that syndrome — the on King syndrome — fat boys iat pass the title around so Don ing can make money," he said, ferring to King's promotion of less-than-spectacular heavyweights in the past.

King, who was with Tyson at several bouts in Las Vegas this week, has launched his own assault to win the affections of the champion; probably the biggest individual money machine in sport.

King is locked in a dispute with Tyson's manager, Bill Cayton, over a promotional agreement Tyson is reported to have signed with King. Cayton claims King's attempt to move in on his man is illegal and has threatened legal action against the promoter.

Their dispute has held up setting the date of a meeting between Tyson and Frank Bruno.

GOLF

Open prices kept down

here will be no increases in dmission charges for the Open hampionship which takes lace at Royal Troon from July 0 to 23 next year. The Royal nd Ancient says that this flects the policy of the champnship committee to keep rices at the lowest level. There has, in fact, been only one increase in the last three years.

Until January 31, a season ticket, which gives entry to the four practice days as well as the championship, will cost £35, an increase of only £1 on the 1986 cost. The season ticket charge goes up to £45 after May 1

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Cup Winners' Cup
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(Bucharest win 2-1 on agg)

OTHER MATCHES: Salonyapor (Tur) 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 3 (Frankfurt win 6-1 on agg); Sampdoria (It) 3, Carl Zeiss Jena (GS) 1 (Sampdoria win 4-2 on agg); Kharkov (USSR) 0, Roda JC Kerkrade (Neth) 0 (Roda win 1-0 on agg); Lech Poznan (Pol) 1, Barcelona 1 (last: 1-1 after 90min; 2-2 on agg, Barcelona won 5-4 on pens).

EUROPEAN CUP: Second round, second leg: Red Star Belgrade 1, AC Milan 0 (abandoned after 57min — fog); Spartak Moscow 1, Steaua Bucharest 2 (Steaua win 5-1 on agg).

UEFA CUP: Second round, second leg: Bordeaux 1, Ujpest Dozsa 0 (Bordeaux win 2-0 on agg); DAJ Dongaka Stroda (Cz) 0, Bayern Munich 2 Bayern win 5-1 (h agg); AS Roma 2, Partizan Belgrade 0 (4-4 on agg: Roma win on away goals); TPS Turku Pettosaura (Fin) 1 Vienna 0 (2-2 on agg: Turku win on away goal).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Reading 1, Watford 2; Charlton 3, Portsmouth 1; Crystal Palace 1, Arsenal 1.

INTERNATIONAL: Tunisia 5, Angola 0.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Glasgow 1, Edinburgh 0; Strathclyde 2, Dundee 4; Aberdeen 4, St Andrews 2; Stirling 2, Heriot Watt 2.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Bradfield College 5, Malvern 1.

BILLIARDS

MIDDLESBROUGH: Stracham UK professional championship (GB unless stated): Quarter-finals: M Ferreira (India) bt C Everton, 4-1. Semi-finals: R Close bt Ferreira, 4-1.

BOXING

MONTE CARLO: World Boxing Association middleweight championship (12 rds): Sumbo Kalambay (It) bt Doug DeWit (US), ko 7th.

HOCKEY

DELHI: Junior World Cup: Asian Zone: Men: Pakistan 14, China 0; Bangladesh 4, Hong Kong 0.

TENNIS

CHICAGO: Virginia Slims women's tournament: Sukova (Cz) bt C Cunningham (US), 6-2, 6-1; N Zvereva (USSR) bt A Savidon (Mex), 6-1, 6-0; Z Garrison (US) bt H Clofi (US), 6-3, 6-3; K Rinaldi (US) bt G Fernandez (P Rico), 6-2, 6-3; L McNeil (US) bt C Kohde-Kilsch, 6-4, 6-1.

BUENOS AIRES: Argentinian open championship: Men's singles: First round (Argentina unless stated): E Bengoechea bt G Pinas, 6-1, 6-4; M Stringari bt R Viver (Ec), 7-5, 6-7, 6-4; R Azar bt A Garizzo, 6-1, 6-0; R Arguello bt F Yunis, 6-4, 6-2; F Roig (Sp) bt C Mariussi, 6-4, 6-1; J Clavet (Sp) bt P Rebolledo (Chile), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; G Glussani bt J Gurfein (US), 6-4, 6-2; J Aguilera (Sp) bt F Dewin, 6-4, 7-5; F Clavet (Sp) bt G Garello, 6-2, 6-0; J Berger (US) bt F Roese (Br), 6-3, 6-0; A Mancini bt J Daher (Br), 6-4, 6-1; G Perez Roldan bt C Allgarsh (Swe), 6-3, 6-1; C Costa (Sp) bt J Frana, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; J Sanchez (Sp) bt M Ingarano, 6-2, 6-3.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Edinburgh 19, Australia 25; Jolimville Battalion 15, Argentina 35; Spain 3, New Zealand Maoris 42.

CLUB MATCH: Cambridge University 21, Leicester 23.

McEWANS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: Angus Scottish 22, North and Midlands 6.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Edinburgh 38, Stirling 0.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (Under-18): Presidents XV 22, South 3; Kent County Clubs 9, Middlesex County Clubs 13.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ipswich 18, Bishop's Stortford 11; Rugby 22, King Henry VIII, Coventry 0; Dorset and Wiltshire under-18s 32, Hampshire under-18s 3.

VOLLEYBALL

TOKYO: Japan Cup women's tournament: Soviet Union bt Japan, 3-2; China bt Peru, 3-2.

ICE HOCKEY

LONDON CUP: Chelmsford Chieftains 7, Lee Valley Lions 11.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Edmonton Oilers 7, Pittsburgh Penguins 3; Winnipeg Jets 8, Quebec Nordiques 4; New York Islanders 4, New York Rangers 3.

BADMINTON

PASADENA, California. US Open championships: Men's singles: Sze Yu (Aus) w/o G Zilani (Bangladesh); L Pongoh (Indo) bt K Erickson (Guatemala), 15-4, 15-1; P Pattiokore (Indo) bt L Lopez-Ilard (Mexico), 15-3, 15-2; M Sozek (Mal) bt M Giroux (Can), 15-10, 15-9; S Walker (GB) bt J Goldstein (US), 15-5, 15-1; Lin Jun (China) bt D Shaw (US), 15-3, 15-4; Zheng Shoutai (China) bt M Padre (US), 15-7, 5-15, 15-4. Women: H Troxe (GB) bt S Murphy (US), 11-2, 11-0. Li Deru (China) w/o F Smith (GB); Lee Jung-mi (S Korea) bt J Chan (HK), 11-0, 11-1; D Julien (Can) bt K Hosni (Japan), 11-5, 11-4. Lee Myeong-hee (S Korea) bt Li Feng (China), 12-10, 11-5.

BANDAR LAMPUNG, Indonesia: Asian Championships: Semi-finals: Men's singles: Xiong Guobao (China) bt A Wiranata (Indo), 15-8, 15-7; Foo Kok Keong (Mal) bt Liu Zhenong (China), 9-15, 15-5, 15-11. Women's singles: Tang Jiuhong (China) bt S Suzana (Indo), 11-1, 11-4; Huang Hua (China) bt She Wen (China), 11-8, 2-11, 11-4. Women's doubles: V Fajen and Y Kusmadi (Indo) bt Lee Haung Soon and Lee Young Suk (S Korea), 11-15, 15-8, 15-5. Sun Xiaoqing and Zhou Lei (China) bt Chung Myung Hee and Hwang Hye Young (S Korea), 11-15, 15-8, 15-6. Men's doubles: Tang Siang and Zhou Jincan (China) bt K Prommarin and S Siripol (Thai), 15-5, 15-7; Lee Sung Bok and Park Joo bong (S Korea) bt Aryono and Mardianto (Indo), 15-8, 15-0.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Second round, second leg: Real Madrid 134, Glasgow Rangers 91 (Real Madrid won 250-180 on agg).

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP: Second round, second leg: AEK Athens 73, Pully (Switz) 55 (AEK win 173-168 on agg). Maccabi Brussels 99, Zhalgiris Kaunas (USSR) 99 (Zhalgiris won 207-170 on agg); Steiner Bayreuth (WG) 82, Duodaitsapurrigan (Fin) 80 (Steiner Bayreuth won 182-156 on agg); Cholet (Fr) 80, Manwaire BSW (Neth) 42 (Cholet won 136-117 on agg); Saladero Caserta (It) 103, CSKA Sofia 80 (Caserta won 187-154 on agg). Hapoel Galil Elyon (Isr) 99, Crvenzbrvi Banyasz (Hun) 77 (Hapoel won 169-148 on agg).

KORAC CUP: Second round, second leg: Crvena Zvezda (Yug) 86, PAOK Salonika 76 (agg 171-171, match abandoned).

WOMEN'S RONCHETTI CUP: Second round, second leg: Wasa Cralow 64, Toledo (Sp) 61 (Toledo win 130-119 on agg).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 125, Chicago Bulls 117; Atlanta Hawks 112, Indiana Pacers 107; Charlotte Hornets 117, Los Angeles Clippers 105; New Jersey Nets 109, Washington Bullets 101; Detroit Pistons 116, Philadelphia 76ers 108; Dallas Mavericks 92, Miami Heat 88; Houston Rockets 120, San Antonio Spurs 102; Los Angeles Lakers 114, Golden State Warriors 102; Seattle Supersonics 97, Sacramento Kings 75.

BOBSLEIGHING

Switzerland sled pushes Hoppe all way

East Berlin (Reuter) — Wolfgang Hoppe, the East German double Olympic silver medal winner, piloted his four-man bob to victory at the Altenberg World Cup event yesterday, but the top Swiss sled gave him some anxious moments.

Hoppe, who won the two-man category at the weekend with Bogdan Musiol, steered his sled round the 17 bends in a combined time of 1min 55.42sec to win a competition reduced to two runs by warm weather.

The East German crew led after the first run, but Gustav Weder, the Swiss driver, steered his team to the fastest time on the second descent for a combined 1:55.50.

Hoppe, regarded as the world's best driver, said his technique could still be sharpened up and said: "We're developing harmony down the chute. But it's a good thing that we're with the world's best right from the start — that wasn't always so last winter."

Altenberg experimented with seedings for the first time after the problems at the Calgary Olympics when the leading competitors complained they had to race on ice churned up by outsiders.

TUESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP: Second round, second leg: Werder Bremen 0, Celtic 0 (1-0 on agg).

LITTLEWOODS CUP: Third round: Everton 1, Oldham 1.

SIMOD CUP: First round: Charlton 0, Sunderland 1; Portsmouth 2, Hull 1; Southampton 3, Stoke 0; Watford 2, Leicester 0 (aet; 0-0 after 90min).

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Ipswich 3, Walsall 1. Third division: Aldershot 1, Sheffield Utd 0; Brentford 2, Notts Co 1; Bristol City 0, Wolves 1; Bury 2, Chester 1; Fulham 2, Reading 1; Gillingham 1, Blackpool 0; Huddersfield 0, Bolton 1; Northampton 1, Port Vale 3; Preston 2, Wigan 2; Southend 2, Bristol R 2; Swansea 3, Mansfield 1. Fourth division: Burnley 1, Lincoln 4; Darlington 1, Cambridge Utd 1; Grimsby 5, Doncaster 0; Halifax 3, Colchester 2; Leyton Orient 2, Carlisle 0; Rotherham 3, Scunthorpe 3; Torquay 1, Rochdale 0; Wrexham 2, Stockport 0; York 3, Crewe 0.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Runcorn 3, Northwich 1; Sutton Utd 1, Newport 1; Wycombe 3, Enfield 2.

FA VASE: First round replay: Berkhamsted 2, Ware 0; Ruislip 0, Baldock 4.

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 1, Slough 0; Carshalton 0, Grays 1; Hayes 1, Croydon 1; Hendon 0, Wokingham 3; Leyton-Wingate 3, Harrow 3; St Albans 4, Marlow 0; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Barking 1; Windsor and Eton 1, Bishop's Stortford 2. First division: Bracknell 1, Basildon 1; Chalfont St Peter 1, Metropolitan Police 1; Hampton 0, Uxbridge 1; Hitchin 0, Wivenhoe 3; Kingsbury 5, Chesham 1; Leatherhead 3, Boreham Wood 1; Lewes 0, Woking 2; Staines 2, Wembley 0. Second division north: Barton 2, Hemel Hempstead 0; Billericay 0, Saffron Walden 3; Clapton 2, Vauxhall Motors 0; Hertford 3, Heybridge Swifts 1; Tilbury 5, Wolverton 0. Second division south: Banstead 2, Flackwell Heath 0; Dorking 4, Egham 2; Eastbourne 5, Epsom and Ewell 3; Finchley 0, Feltham 1; Maidenhead 1, Yeading 1; Newbury 0, Harefield 1; Southall 0, Petersfield 5.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 3, Witton 0; Buxton 1, Goole 0; Fleetwood 0, Stalybridge Celtic 0; Marine 1, Bangor City 2; Matlock 6, Worksop 1; Massley 2, Morecambe 0. First division: Harrogate 1, Netherfield 2; Irlam 2, Lancaster 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Bridgnorth 0, Dudley 4.

WESTGATE INSURANCE CUP: First round, second leg: Crawley 4, Corinthians 3 (5-4 on agg). Second round, first leg: Bedworth 1, VS Rugby 1, Burton 3, Sutton Coldfield 1; Grantham 1, Atherstone 0; Halesowen 2, Bromsgrove 0; Merthyr Tydfil 4, Bath 3; Moor Green 1, Willenhall 3; Rushden 4, Wealdstone 4, Tamworth 2, Dunstable 1; Thanet 0, Dover 5.

IRISH ROADFERRY LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-finals: Cliftonville 0, Linfield (Windsor Park) 3; Glenavon 3, Crusaders 1; Bangor 0, Glentoran 1, Portadown 1, Dundela 0 (aet, 0-0 after 90min).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 2, Aston Villa 4, Nottingham Forest 5, Blackburn 1.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Swindon 0, Southampton 0. Postponed: Reading v Watford.

KENT SENIOR CUP: First round: Welling 4, Ashford 2.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: Third round: Stroud 4, Banbury 3.

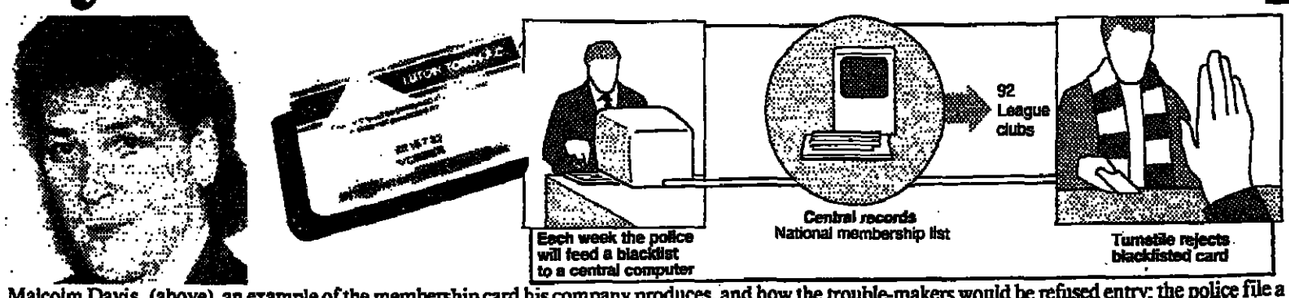
ESFA MITRE UNDER-19 TROPHY: Cleveland 0, North Yorkshire 1.

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Card system offers avenues for profit

By John Goodbody and Louise Taylor

Far from being dismayed by the Government's legislation for a compulsory membership scheme, football should be looking at the financial benefits of it, according to the company which has installed computer and card systems at 14 British clubs. Indeed, according to Malcolm Davis, managing director of the company, the sport could earn as much as £3 million a year.



Malcolm Davis (above), an example of the membership card his company produces, and how the trouble-makers would be refused entry: the police file a weekly list of convicted hooligans to football's central computer, which relays the information (such as name and membership number) to the terminal at each club, so that when the hooligan presents his card to the automatic turnstile control, it is rejected and he is refused admission

Davis's Aquix Holdings (UK) is discussing with the football authorities the advantages of a national membership scheme, including free installation and then marketing to the estimated audience of 5½ million people. Davis said: "I'm enthusiastic about the possibility of clubs making money. My reservation is perhaps there will be obstacles put up by some traditionalists."

Although Aquix is one of several companies who will be competing for the contract, it has already set up systems at such clubs as Everton, Luton Town, Norwich City and Leeds United; it also helps the All England Club with the control of the access of crowds at Wimbledon.

Davis estimates the cost of installing the system at between £5.5 and £8 million, plus up to £1 million to run annually. Cards would be sold for about £4.50 (several clubs, including Arsenal and Tottenham, now charge more than this figure for their own individual schemes).

Clubs would be allowed to keep any profit on the scheme, and the proposed board, the Football Management Authority, could use the names and addresses of the card holders for direct-mail marketing; for example, a sportswear company might be delighted to sell straight to a football supporter.

Although Aquix would take a percentage, there would be, Davis estimates, a surplus of £3 million for the League, perhaps to spend on improving amenities.

Davis, whose Lincoln-based firm has been in operation for three years, has operated similar restricted-access card systems for the staff at two international hotels in London; their success brought invitations for him to talk to league clubs in Spain and Italy.

Ken Friar, managing director of Arsenal, is concerned about the logistics of the membership scheme – even if there is a profit in it. As he finalized crowd control arrangements in anticipation of a 50,000 gate for the match against Liverpool last night, he said: "If the same match was played next season with a membership scheme in operation, we would probably attract a maximum of 36,000.

"Our average attendance is 34,000, Liverpool would bring 2,000 or 3,000, but what would happen to the floating support – perhaps 14,000 at the very minimum in a 50,000 gate? They are the people who would not attend. They won't want to be bothered with getting and filling in forms and paying a membership fee, especially when they can watch live matches on television.

"People will no longer be able to make last-minute decisions to go to a game, and if their friends don't have membership cards they will be less inclined to go anyway."

Friar also warned of the problem of late arrivals. "A third of all our crowds arrive at Highbury within 20 minutes of kick-off time," he said. "So if we did get a big crowd for Liverpool, opening the turnstiles early wouldn't be much help because we'd be talking about 14, 15, or 16,000 people all arriving in the last 20 minutes and having to be put through automatic turnstiles in the dark.

"We all know that computerized systems do go down from time to time; if ours collapsed in such circumstances, we would fear chaos.

"A big club needs every spectator it can in order to maintain standards of comfort and safety within the ground, and while we are concerned that crowds will fall we know that it will still cost us more in terms of extra stewards and policing.

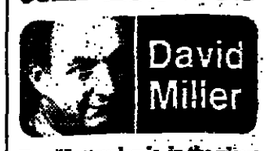
"At the moment, we have fantastic relations with the local police, who are supported by 120 of our own stewards, and there are no problems within the ground. To operate the membership scheme we will need to employ a considerable number of extra stewards.

"Luton's police bill has been astronomical since they introduced their members-only scheme, and they are operating on a totally different scale to us. Their attendances also appear to have gone down and whatever they say they are suffering from it."

Friar claimed foreign supporters represent yet another potential problem area: "We have so many casuals coming from overseas to watch big games; what happens to them?"

END COLUMN

Hostile words drown all issues



Roy Hattersley is, in the nicest possible way, your definitive politician: always alert to show how much he shares the experience of the common man. Especially in that universal language, sport.

Football? He practically took his mother's milk on the terraces at Sheffield Wednesday. Cricket? Learned the geography of South Yorkshire as a teenager giving catches to first slip off bowling "two yards too fast for me". Done it all, has Roy.

It is a pity that his opening speech at the 17th national conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, on *Sport and Society*, should have had so many admirable points of debate on the day that Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, was announcing details of the football membership scheme. Inevitably, Hattersley's comments on this issue, unsurprisingly hostile, dominated discussion at the expense of others.

Hattersley struck out forcefully at the heart of most of the other contemporary issues:

- The moral inconsistencies of arguments within tobacco sponsorship in sport and of England cricket's attitude on apartheid;
- The need for an assault on the ethic that winning justifies anything;
- Disciplinary error on the side of severity on drugs cheating;
- The need for local authorities to be required to return a list of school playing fields facilities available for dual use, to halt re-development sale.
- The Sports Council, Department of the Environment and local authorities jointly to determine the cost of services for the expansion of sport and then decide how to find the money.
- The stupidity of some education authorities in believing competitive sport, "a natural instinct", is undesirable.

Some of these issues, of course, find unanimous approval, others are political hot beds. Why, for instance, should weight-lifters or canoeists receive national subsidies any more than ornithologists or philatelists, who give society equal breadths? And why should football clubs so vigorously resist membership cards, as Hattersley believes *they are entitled to do*?

He claims that football violence will only be eliminated by change in society; that the



Evans: Luton's success membership scheme will increase violence outside grounds; that clubs' futures will be threatened; that the scheme is "an illusion of action" by the Government.

However, in the absence of Moynihan in London, the scheme was vigorously advocated by David Evans, an MP and chairman of Luton Town football club, armed with unassailable evidence:

- Not one arrest in two and a half seasons with Luton's card scheme;
- No increase in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire crime as a consequence;
- A safe city centre on Saturdays for the general public;
- Six thousand football related arrests elsewhere last season.

The strongest opposition to the card scheme comes from Denis Howell, the former Minister for Sport, who did little or nothing to halt its escalation when hooliganism was taking root in the Sixties.

There will, of course, be *initial difficulties. Yet football*, involving 500,000 spectators, or less than one-tenth of the population each Saturday, has no divine right to expect massive police protection to facilitate its existence.

Manchester United and Arsenal moan about nothing but the cost factor. What membership cards will do – it may take five years – is bring back some of the missing 23 million spectators a year, at least partially driven away by the sinister threat of the violent thousands with whom Manchester, Arsenal and others are happy to fill their stadia.

League and FA launch attacks against scheme

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, and Peter Ball

The football authorities yesterday objected strenuously, and predictably, to the Government's legislation for a membership scheme that attempts to fight hooliganism by banning entry to matches to anyone not carrying a membership card.

The Government proposes that from the spring of 1990 entry to Football League matches, FA Cup ties (at League grounds) and Littlewoods Cup matches will be controlled by a computerized membership-card system.

The scheme will embrace all the five and a half million people who at some time watch a League match: even if they go only once a season, they will have to produce a card to gain admission. Cards will be withdrawn from anyone convicted of hooliganism, and automatic turnstiles will reject cards that have been disqualified.

Football's response yesterday deserved little sympathy. Since clubs are inevitably blinkered by their own self-interest, the governing bodies should have taken their own action to disturb the general apathy and curtail the collective avarice.

They have done neither. Yesterday the Football Association's chief executive, Graham Kelly, said: "We have been chipping away at the problem and we think we are winning." But hooliganism should instead have been hacked down years ago. Having delayed for so long the game was effectively inviting Government measures to be imposed which would damage clubs in the area they regard as the most painful – the turnstiles.

Kelly claimed that gates at the end of next season would be cut by as much as 25 per cent, that the overall loss of revenue could amount to £15 million, and that the necessary facilities would cost £10 million. In his words, the scheme was "unnecessary, economically ineffective and disastrous."

One objection, Kelly said, was: "It is going to be adverse because considerable income comes from tourists visiting English grounds. That money could be lost." But how many more spectators would attend if stadia were transformed from centres of warfare into peaceful havens?

"We will cooperate with the Government," Kelly went on, "but we strongly dispute the need for such a scheme. There were very few incidents of disorder last season, even fewer this season. The main area of disorder is now outside the grounds, outside the jurisdiction of the clubs and the FA."

The Football League remained totally opposed to the Government's proposals, and it intends to fight the legislation to the full.

The decision to bring forward the release of the document in response to a leak giving a copy to Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, took football by surprise, and the clubs will not receive their copies until this morning. Once again the game appears to have been caught on the hop, and the League hastily convened a press conference at Lytham St Annes.

"We do not see the necessity for the legislation," Ian Stott, the League management committee spokesman, said. "It is sledgehammer legislation and at the same time not wide enough, when they should be addressing the overall problem of law and order. It is not just a problem for football nor just a problem inside grounds, which is all the proposed legislation will deal with."

There had been divisions in football as to whether the League should assist in producing the report. Stott, one of the two representatives on the working party, explained the decision to participate as collaboration rather than cooperation. "We took the view that if we could stop them doing the more stupid things, we should," he said.

Denis Howell, Labour's former Minister for Sport, was withering in his criticism of the scheme. He described it as "a dangerous and disgraceful restriction of civil liberties. It is against the advice of senior police officers, football legislators and supporters' organisations."

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Cool reaction to proposals

Both the Football Supporters Association (FSA) and the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) reacted coolly to the scheme yesterday (Louise Taylor writes).

Paul Caulfield, the secretary of the London branch of the FSA, said: "From our viewpoint the scheme will be a disaster. It is not even solving a problem because most violence occurs outside and not inside grounds but this will totally dissaude casual supporters." Meanwhile Sarah Spencer, the general secretary of the NCCL, said the system was "open to abuse".

Britain's golden team together again



Team of the year: Members of the Olympic gold medal-winning team at yesterday's Men of the Year awards. From left: Martyn Grimley, Kulbir Bhaura, Paul Barber, Sean Kirley and Veryan Pappin (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Fog forces Red Star to replay

Belgrade (AFP) – Thick fog forced the European Cup second round match to be abandoned yesterday as Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia, led AC Milan, of Italy, 1-0, after 56 minutes. The second leg match will be replayed today at 2 p.m.

The goal by Dejan Savicevic in the fiftieth minute was unseen in the fog by most of the 97,000 capacity crowd.

Red Star had drawn 1-1 in the first leg in Italy a fortnight ago.

Roma, of Italy, reduced to 10 men in the second half, beat Partizan Belgrade 2-0 in Rome yesterday to qualify for the third round of the UEFA Cup on the away goals rule.

Roma, trailing 4-2 after a first leg, clinched victory with goals in each half from Voeller and Giannini. Manfredonia, the Roma midfield player, was sent off in the 47th minute for repeated fouling.

United bow to aggressive approach of Romanians

From a Correspondent
Bucharest

Dinamo Bucharest..... 1
Dundee United 1

(Dinamo win 2-1 on aggregate)

Dundee United made a painful exit from the European Cup Winners' Cup in the sub-zero temperatures of the Romanian capital yesterday. The Tayside club saw their hopes of a place in the third round of the competition disappear under the weight of the hosts' new-found penchant for aggression.

Against all expectations Dinamo, who had enthralled the Tannadice crowd with their skills a fortnight earlier, had undergone a complete transformation in the interim. There was no doubting their intentions yesterday as they went in maintaining a slender 1-0 advantage from that first leg in Scotland. Gone were the slick individual talents which had at times mesmerized their hosts two weeks ago, and in their place was a committed, forceful approach.

The man targeted for special attention in the Dinamo Stadium was the young Scotland forward, Gallacher, who limped off at the end of a particularly bruising encounter.

Despite the over-zealous marking, only one of the Dinamo players, Andone, the defender, was shown the yellow card by the Dutch referee, Albert Thomas.

United did have their moments. They came after the 78th minute when the midfielder, Bowman, nodded in a header which levelled the tie on aggregate.

But when it appeared that the Scots were heading into extra time, Mateut, the Romanian international, intervened. It was Mateut who had scored the winner in the first leg and once again he thwarted United's chances by equalizing from a free kick.

Excellent defensive performances during the opening half from Narey, making his record-breaking seventieth European appearance, Malpas and Clark had brought about the Dinamo frustration.

Jim McLean, the United manager, was guarded in his comments on the Romanian tactics. "I was proud of everyone of my players, particularly because of the way they stood up to some of what was dished out to them," he said.

"It has to be disappointing. When you don't score at home and lose one yourselves, it leaves you an awful lot to do at this level."

DINAMO BUCHAREST: Steles; Mihailescu, Varga, Rednic, Lupescu, Andone, Velscovsi, Sabau, Camataru, Mateut, Lupu.
DUNDEE UNITED: Thomson; Clark (sub: Bowman), Malpas, McInally, Hegarty, Narey, Meade, McKinlay, Preston, Beaumont, Gallacher.
Referee: A Thomas (Neth).

SPORT IN BRIEF

A Close encounter

Michael Ferreira, of India, three times the world amateur champion, was beaten in the semi-final of the Strachan United Kingdom professional billiards championship by a local player, Bobby Close, of Hartlepool, at Marton Country Club, Middlesbrough, yesterday.

Close conceded his first frame of the tournament, but produced the top break, an unfinished 136, before going *on to a 4-1 victory.*

Welsh shuffle

Bleddyn Bowen, the Swansea centre, has been called up for the Welsh team to play against Western Samoa in the rugby union international at Cardiff on Saturday. Bowen takes over from Hall, who moves to the wing as a replacement for Webbe, who has withdrawn with an eye injury.



Bowen: plays in the centre

New ground

Minor Counties cricket has received a major boost for next season. The Holt One-Day Trophy final will be held at Lord's on August 19; it will be the first time a major Minor Counties final has been staged at the ground.

Quality show

China have entered both men's and women's teams in the Reebok Lancashire badminton championships at Preston next week.

Taking over

Niall Mackenzie, the British 500cc world championship motorcyclist who placed sixth place in this year's series on an HB Honda, will lead the Marlboro Yamaha campaign next season. He has signed a contract worth around £350,000 to take over the No. 1 spot from the world champion, Eddie Lawson, who will be riding for Rothmans Honda next year.

Vintage stuff

Neil Mallett, the former England hockey captain, has won the inaugural Poundstretcher "Player of the Month" award. Mallett, aged 32, plays for Bournville in the second division and receives a magnum of champagne and an engraved silver salver.

In the black

Somerset made an after-tax profit of £1,153 for last cricket season, despite an increase of £11,825 on playing costs.

Lower divisions chose a Dunnett candidacy

By Peter Ball

Jack Dunnett, of Notts County, has been nominated by the second division to stand against Gordon McKeag, of Newcastle United, in an election to decide the Football League president.

This means that the 92 clubs will have to attend their third extraordinary general meeting of the year. This one will take place in London on November 21.

The decision by the second division and associate members to nominate Dunnett, who has done the job before, reveals that they were unhappy at the lack of experience of the first division candidate, who was only elected to the management committee in June. It does however mean that the divisions between the senior clubs and the rest could be revived although Dunnett insists he would only wish to be elected if he could command support across all divisions.

The management committee meeting at Lytham yesterday was also presented with a report on the interviews for the post of chief executive, and a further shortlist of five candidates will now be drawn up. It is highly unlikely that it will include any candidates from outside the 14 interviewed, effectively ruling out Gordon Taylor.

Middlesbrough's financial position was again discussed, but is apparently no closer to being resolved.

● Newport County have been issued a winding-up order after debts of £122,000 remain unpaid and will now probably have to appear at the High Court in London next month.

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